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Independent enquiry into bank fraud

Ministers aim to limit damage of BCCI affair

By Sheila Gunn and Neil Bennett

THE government has announced an enquiry into the BCCI scandal after it became clear that the affair could tarnish the reputation of the prime minister.

John Major and the Chancellor agreed yesterday to call an independent enquiry into the failed Bank of Credit and Commerce International as ministers tried to limit the political storm about the way the government and the Bank of England handled the affair.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and a principal shareholder in BCCI, will challenge the Bank of England in the High Court on Monday in an attempt to delay the liquidation of British operations. Sources close to the Abu Dhabi government say it wants more time to decide on the action it should take. The move threatens to delay compensation payments to BCCI's 40,000 British depositors.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told MPs yesterday that the enquiry could not solve many problems arising from "this very unhappy and very sorry affair" involving fraud on a massive, probably unprecedented scale. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, had told MPs that many deposits were accepted but not recorded and hidden deposits may amount to £2.4 billion.

The prime minister and the Chancellor overruled objections from Mr Leigh-Pemberton, who had told MPs on Thursday night that such an enquiry would be "unhelpful". Mr Lamont insisted that his decision implied no criticism of the governor.

Neil Kinnock accused ministers of being panicked into announcing the enquiry to try to save their own skins. They were in a government "of buckpassers, cop-outs and careless incompetents", and the trail of negligence led to the door of ministers and of the prime minister himself, he said.

Because Mr Lamont announced the enquiry in the Commons only two hours after the decision was made, at about 12.30pm, he could not disclose the terms of reference, timing or the chairman of the enquiry. He promised that most of the report would be published, but it is not yet known if the hearings will be in public. A senior legal figure rather than a High Court judge is expected to be asked to head the enquiry. The choice is: a non-statutory enquiry which could act quickly, but with limited powers to summon evidence and witnesses; or an investigation under the Tribunals of Enquiry (Evidence) Act, with greater powers.

Earlier, Downing Street sources blamed a junior official for errors in handling two letters warning of widespread corruption at BCCI, which were sent to the Treasury when Mr. Major was chancellor. They admitted that copies of the letters should have been passed to the Bank of England, but insisted that it had already received similar warnings. The letters were sent instead to the employment department and then to the industry department, which says it has no record of them.

The prime minister was understood to be dismayed that the BCCI affair had overshadowed media coverage of President Gorbachev's visit and the Group of Seven summit. More damaging publicity was expected over the weekend with MPs continuing to protest at the government's role and with Monday's winding-up action in the High Court against BCCI.

In the Commons Mr Lamont assured MPs: "We are not intending or wanting anything to be covered up at all. It is in the public interest that we should have this enquiry, that the enquiry should be as full as possible and that as much as possible should be published."

Gordon Brown, Labour's industry spokesman, said: "This is a sorry and shameful episode of a government slow to act and even slower to come to the aid of small investors, quick to blame others and even quicker in passing the buck among themselves." He added: "If mistakes are found to have been made, then ministers should accept full responsibility for what has gone wrong and should not shift the blame to junior officials."

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Unionists angry at UDR merger plan

By Edward Gorman, Irish affairs correspondent

THE disclosure that the Army Board is to consider amalgamating the Ulster Defence Regiment with the Royal Irish Rangers has provoked anger among some Unionists, who suspected the hand of Dublin behind the proposal.

Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist party, condemned the merger plan, saying it had nothing to do with defence cuts but everything to do with the Irish government's demands to disband the UDR.

"I believe this is an attempt within the civil service — perhaps, with the pressure coming from the Anglo-Irish agreement — to find a circuitous route to get rid of the UDR." He added that any move of this kind would not be tolerated by the people of Northern Ireland.

However, other Unionists, including Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist party's security spokesman and a former major in the UDR, gave the proposal a guarded welcome. But he said that he, too, was anxious that the move was not being made in response to pressure from Dublin.

Mr Maginnis said that he and Jim Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist party leader, would be seeking a meeting with Tom King, the defence secretary, to discuss the options before the board makes a decision on Tuesday.

NICK CORNISH

Welcome to the family: a delighted Philip and Shirley Stevens leaving the High Court yesterday with four-year-old Alexandra after winning their legal fight to adopt the orphan they rescued from Romania. Full story, page 3

To Russia with love, but no dollars

By Alan Hamilton

THE Gorbachevs flew home to Moscow from their four-day midweek break in London yesterday, bearing in their luggage a portmanteau of Western aid promises and a rather nice little Coalport vase. The former was a gift from the Group of Seven leaders, disappointing in that there were no dollar bills stuffed in the lining, the latter a small token from Sir Yehudi Menuhin, that eminent half-son of the Ukraine.

Having been regally entertained during their sojourn at Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, and other exclusive London restaurants, the Gorbachevs took up station for their last morning on the more familiar territory of the Soviet embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens, to receive two final guests. There is a diplomatic nicety about whether you go to them, or they come to you.

First to call was Neil Kinnock, who was granted 45 minutes with the Soviet president, perhaps an acknowledgment that Mr Gorbachev has come to learn on his home ground the meaning of the title, "leader of the opposition". Mr Kinnock emerged to tell reporters that the Soviet leader had to be rewarded for his attitude on reforms and further disarmament, although three-quarters of an hour with Mr Kinnock seemed rather modest recompense for a man whom history may record as one of the century's more courageous figures.

Mr Kinnock elucidated. "You can't say to somebody,

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500 casualties as Kurds and Iraqi troops clash

From Peter Stothard, US editor, in Washington

IRAQI army and Kurdish resistance groups have renewed fighting in northern Iraq, leaving up to 500 casualties reported dead or wounded.

As President Bush arrived in neighbouring Turkey today, officials confirmed that the "serious clashes" had been centred on two towns — Sulaymaniyah and Arbil. Since both are outside the protected security zone, there was no immediate cause for response, the officials said.

During the battles, which were the heaviest since President Saddam Hussein's suppression of Kurdish uprisings in March, the Kurds were reported to have taken control of substantial parts of Sulaymaniyah. UN sources cited unconfirmed reports that as many as 1,000 Iraqi prisoners had been captured and that hospitals had been overwhelmed by the injured.

Neither these reports, nor the UN estimate of 500 casualties, was confirmed in Washington. The fighting, which took place over the past two days, appeared to have ceased, at least temporarily, officials said.

In London, some pro-Kurdish organisations questioned the reports of widespread deaths. Although they said fighting had been fierce, especially around the town of Sulaymaniyah, reports of 500 dead were exaggerated. The London-based Organisation of Human Rights in Iraq said it believed deaths were "in the region of a dozen".

Mr Bush is in Ankara today for talks with the Turkish president, Turgut Ozal, which will include final arrangements for the international rapid reaction force in south eastern Turkey which is designed to deter Iraqi aggression against the Kurds. The president has no plans to visit the border region.

The immediate cause of the renewed fighting was said to be Kurdish demonstrations against the celebration of a Baath party anniversary. Pentagon officials said that peaceful marches appeared to have degenerated into stone-throwing which attracted Iraqi retaliation. Other administration sources feared, however, that Saddam might be trying to taunt Mr Bush with the problem of how to protect the Kurds now that the American forces from Operation Provide Comfort have left Iraq. The last US forces left this week. More than 70 UN guards were reportedly in Sulaymaniyah and 54 in Arbil at the time of the clashes. As required by their terms of engagement, they did not intervene.

● **New York:** Iraq has admitted to the United Nations that it possesses the parts to make two "superguns", one of which had already been tested, western diplomatic sources said yesterday (James Bone writes).

An Iraqi declaration revealed the existence of a 52.2 metre-long barrel of 350mm calibre at a site called Jabal Hamrayn, 90 miles north of Baghdad. The declaration said the barrel had been "tested", but did not specify how.

St John's tops table

By John O'Leary, higher education correspondent

THE Oxford college with the best record in the Norrington table of examination results over the last ten years last night regained its accustomed position for possibly the last time.

St John's college pipped Balliol for top position in the ranking of undergraduate degree classifications. Balliol had the best arts record and Keble was top in sciences, but St John's second place in both categories produced the best record overall.

St Hugh's college slipped to bottom place. Next year, critics of the rankings hope to deny statisticians the information necessary to produce the table.

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Nation on a knife edge

Glenys Kinnock, who visited Sudan this month, says the world must maintain a sense of outrage at the ravages afflicting its people

Since my return from Sudan many mothers I spoke to have witnessed the end of their children's short and pitiful lives. Fatma, who cradled the tiny skeletal body of her son Mahmoud, was watched by her little daughter who sat hollow-eyed and listless, realising that her brother had first call on their mother's attention. By now, I feel sure that the boy is being mourned by the two remaining members of his family at the feeding centre where we met.

Their tragedy and the tragedy of Sudan go almost unnoticed. Yet that country is on the brink of a calamitous famine and is going through one of the most difficult times in its history. The country is devastated, debt-ridden and almost bankrupt. There is drought and famine, and all this is exacerbated by a civil war which drains the economy and threatens the security and lives of millions of Sudanese. A concerted international response must be mobilised if disaster is to be averted.

The World Food Programme had warned of this risk, and it was because of this that I travelled to Sudan to see for myself and to look at how Unicef (the United Nations children's fund) is working and addressing the needs of the rural and urban poor of that country.

We began in Khartoum and the sprawling shanty areas on the outskirts of the city, where an estimated 1.8 million displaced people live in makeshift constructions and where the prices of food

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Nine royal skeletons in Russia's cupboard

Tsar Nicholas II: teeth may offer vital evidence

From Bruce Clark
in Moscow

FOR the second time in as many years, a dramatic claim about the recovery of the remains of Tsar Nicholas II has virtually coincided with a meeting between President Gorbachev and the murdered tsar's distant relative, Queen Elizabeth.

No one may have noticed in London, but the coincidence has not escaped the attention of the people of Sverdlovsk, the city where a formal commemoration ceremony took place at the site where the imperial couple and their five children were killed by the Bolsheviks.

It was just over two years ago that Geli Ryabov, a Soviet writer, caused a sensation by claiming that he had located the tsar's and his family's remains in a swamp near Sverdlovsk. He said he had in his possession two skulls, one of which he believed to be that of the tsar himself. Mr Ryabov's version, backed up by detailed notes about the state of the tsar's teeth, contradicted the long-standing theory that the bodies had been burned and the ashes thrown down a mine shaft.

On Thursday, at a hastily-convened news conference that was restricted to organs of the communist press, the president of Sverdlovsk's regional authority, Eduard Rossel, offered a fresh piece of news. He said nine skeletons closely resembling the imperial family and their servants had been recovered and were now in the regional authority's care awaiting definitive identification by foreign experts.

The site — apparently the same place as mentioned by Mr Ryabov — had been quietly dug up on July 12 after a secret investigation involving senior scientists, historians, lawyers and police. Vasili Zadorozhny, Mr Rossel's deputy, was reluctant to elaborate on the announcement yesterday, but he said the state authorities would undertake to inter the remains "in the spirit of humanity and kindness" and in consultation with the Orthodox Church.

However, Vadim Vinner, an historian who was investigating the fate of the Russian imperial family on behalf of a New York-based society of Russian aristocrats, said he remained sceptical about the findings of both Mr Ryabov and the regional authorities in Sverdlovsk.

Mr Vinner's theory is that the nine skeletons are those of a Sverdlovsk industrialist and his family who were also killed by the Bolsheviks and dumped outside the city in what may have been a conscious effort to mislead future investigators about the fate of the tsar and his family.

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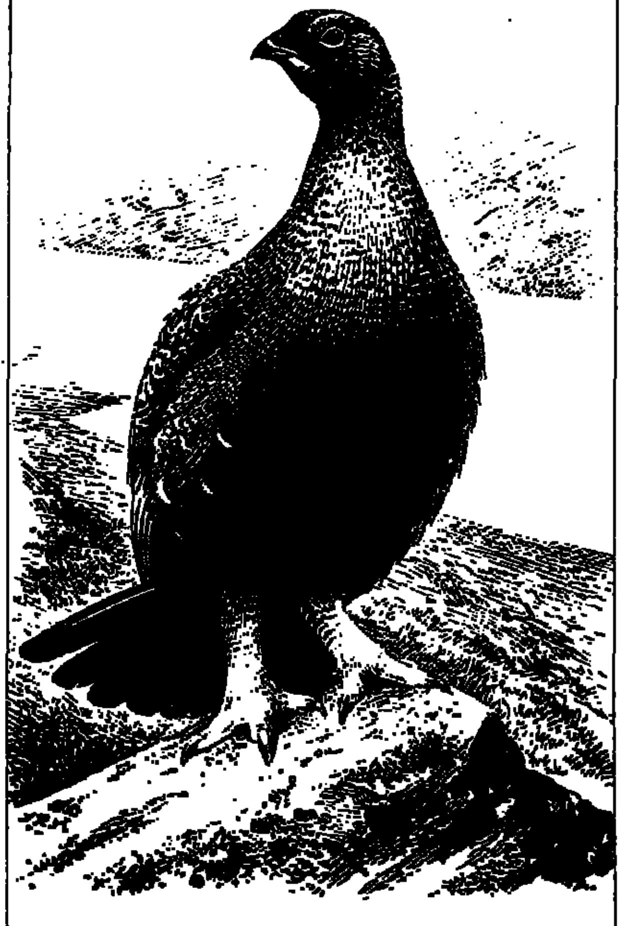

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Local Labour parties condemn Kinnock's attack on Militant

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership's drive against Militant infiltration of the party is condemned today by some constituency parties in resolutions submitted for debate at the party's annual conference.

A number of constituency Labour parties criticise the tough disciplinary measures taken by the ruling national executive as part of Neil Kinnock's *purge* on Militant and other far left activity.

One constituency party accuses the leadership of cynically manipulating the rule book and constitution as a method of controlling political thought within the organisation. Members of Liverpool Riverside constituency party also attack the "growing lack of democracy developing within the Labour party" and say members should be able to express a range of opinions without fear of punitive repercussions which have become an everyday day fact of life within the party.

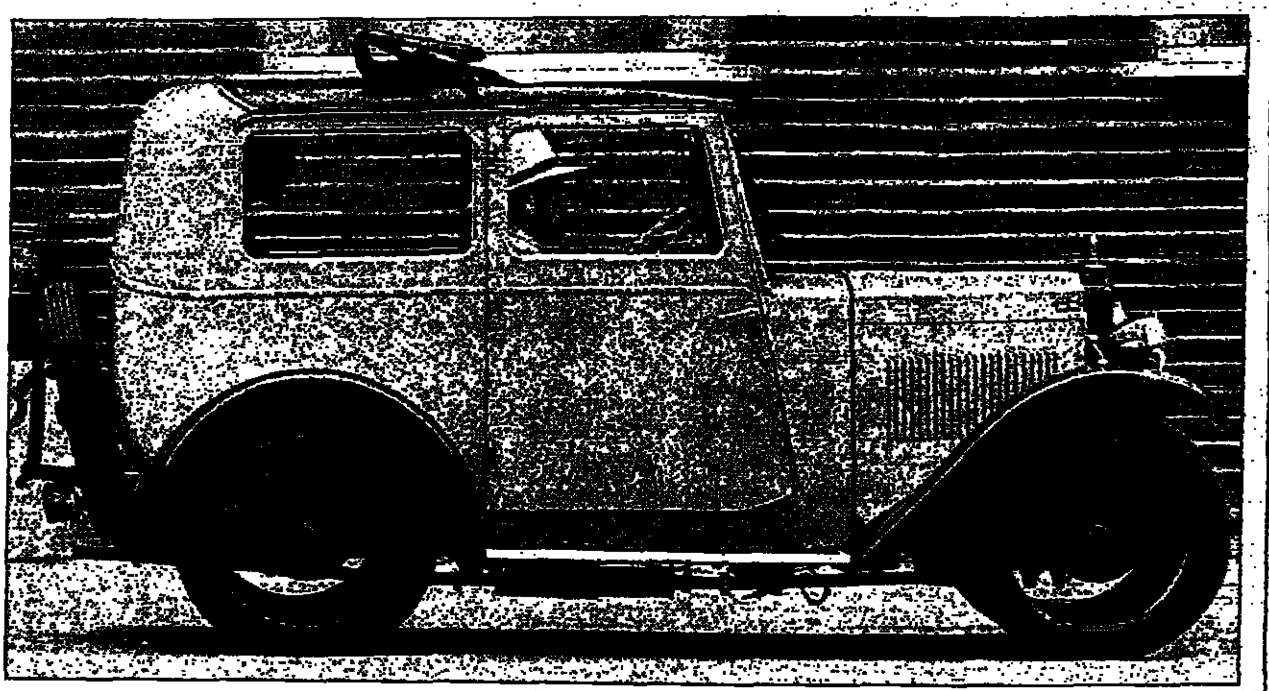
The criticisms of the Labour leadership are made only days before next Wednesday's meeting of the national executive which will have before it the results of a nine day investigation of the "activities and political affiliations" of Terry Fields to determine whether he has breached party rules. If the national executive decides against Mr Fields, the MP for Liverpool Broadgreen who is now serving a 60 day prison sentence for refusing to pay his poll tax, he would be suspended prior to his case being heard before the disciplinary national constitutional committee.

A total of 62 party members have been suspended for supporting the Militant "Real Labour" candidate in the Liverpool Walton by-election.

In the resolutions submitted for debate at the party's annual conference in Brighton in October, the constituency party in Norwood, south London, says that disciplinary action "only succeeds in undermining the party's unity and strength".

A total of 509 resolutions have been submitted for the conference with the largest number covering health. The growing internal debate over electoral reform and the pressure on the party leadership to adopt some form of proportional representation is reflected in twenty resolutions. The diversity of opinion on proportional representation is shown by demands from some parties for the party to commit itself to abandoning the first past the post system while others give a warning that proportional representation for the House of Commons would virtually end the party's chance of ever forming another Labour government.

Opposition to the leadership's insistence that a Labour government will retain nuclear weapons while other countries possess them is expected to surface at the conference. An overwhelming majority of the resolutions demand cuts in defence spending with a number calling for the party to reaffirm its commitment to reduce UK defence spending to the average level of other West European countries.



Rare vintage: Ted Coney taking a trip down memory lane to raise money in his 60-year-old Morris Minor

Old Minor still playing a major role

By JOHN SHAW

TED Coney's Morris Minor celebrated its 60th anniversary yesterday raising money for his school in Cambridge. He offered rides for £1 around the quadrangle at Hills Road Sixth Form College, where he teaches. The money will help to equip a £2000 darkroom extension.

The Morris is the only car owned by the Coneys, who live in Great Shelford, near Cambridge. Mr Coney, head of art, brought it 20 years ago for £100.

Although he says he does not know any more about the Morris now than he did in 1971, it is clearly a much-loved member of the family. He said cheerfully: "I am not mechanically minded, but there is a good local garage and, enthusiasts help as well.

"It is a very silly car for someone with three children, but I am used to the pedals." The accelerator is in the middle. "I do not think I could drive a modern car now."

When the Coney family goes on holiday the suitcases take up all the room, so he drives and the family goes by train to their destination. If they grumble, "I threaten to sell it and they shut up", Mr Coney said. Asked if he minded other children clambering in and out for their £1 rides, he said: "Not at all: it is a normal car used every day.

"I love it, but I am not precious about it. It is marvellous, 25 to 30mpg

"We are doing this to raise money. Other members of staff are doing similar things."

Lobbyists join battle to revive Rutland

By CRAIG SETON

WARWICKSHIRE county cricket club will return to Warwickshire and Rutland district council can drop Leicestershire from its address if a national group succeeds in its campaign to restore Britain's old geographical county boundaries.

The Association of British Counties was formed by about 30 county pressure groups to undo the damage they say has been done to traditional county boundaries by constant changes in local government, notably those of 1974. The association hopes that new plans for local government reform by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, will revive historic boundaries not for administration but for postal addresses, maps, guidebooks and road signs.

The group has lobbied MPs to table Commons motions calling for the old boundaries to be recognised. The latest calls for boundary posts for Yorkshire to be put on main roads and wants the Ordnance Survey to reinstate Yorkshire on its maps.

The association says that artificial administrative areas such as Cleveland and Avon cut through centuries-old borders. It resents Pembrokeshire being in Dyfed and Herefordshire and Worcestershire, names still used separately by many people in postal addresses, being a single county known as Hereford and Worcester. People in parts of Humberside still talk of being in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Member groups of the association include The Friends of Real Lancashire, The Voice of Rutland, Back to Somerset Campaign and the County of Middlesex Trust.

Drug giant sued

One of Britain's biggest civil legal actions began in the High Court yesterday. Thousands of alleged victims of Myodil, a dye used in X-rays, are set to sue its makers, Glaxo. Over 3,600 claimants have consulted legal firms seeking damages for the alleged effects of the drug, which is said to have caused brain and spinal cord damage. Some are said to have been paralysed, others to have suffered severe pain.

Raider named

An armed raider shot dead while trying to rob a Colchester gun shop on Thursday was named as Colin Budd, aged 19, who was unemployed and had just completed a jail sentence for a firearms offence. He was single and lived alone in the Essex town.

ITN ballots

The threat of immediate disruption of ITN's news services over its decision to issue compulsory redundancy notices to 79 staff receded yesterday with a decision by the unions and the company to call for two ballots. The first will seek staff approval for the union to call industrial action unless there is progress on negotiation on redundancy terms; the second seeks to establish a new framework for industrial relations.

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Last-minute offer gives new hope to Old Vic

By SIMON TAIT,
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bristol Old Vic, Britain's oldest working theatre, may have been rescued from closure by one local authority after being doomed by another two weeks ago.

The theatre announced it would close next January after Bristol city council, which is charge-capped, voted to cut its grant from the £170,000 originally allocated for this year to £107,000, equalling the grant from Avon county council. But on Thursday the county council decided to offer up to £50,000 more if the money could be matched by grants from district councils and local businesses.

The news came as the theatre was interviewing for an artistic director to succeed Paul Unwin, who resigned over the persistent funding shortfall and who left yesterday.

Mark Everett, executive director of the theatre, said: "It has been extremely difficult for the candidates, knowing that if they were successful they might not have a theatre to direct after Christmas. Now it looks as if we can at least survive this financial year."

Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, hosted a lunch last week with Bristol businessmen and urged them to support the Old Vic. The Arts Council says that it is unlikely to add to this year's allocation of £478,000.

William Waldegrave, the local MP and health secretary, has disclosed that he had agreed with the city council to appeal to the environment secretary, Michael Heseltine, for a lesser charge-cap penalty if the council maintained its grant to the theatre. Mr Waldegrave said: "I was under the impression that if there was that relaxation they would do their duty by the theatre. They have not."

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Police investigate fake pottery plot

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are investigating two rackets concerning fake pottery, much of which is still circulating in the art market. The most profitable racket entails 40 fake English 18th century pieces of white salt-glazed stoneware, agate and tortoiseshell.

The pottery has, according to the weekly specialist paper *Antiques Trade Gazette*, "appeared at auction or been sold direct to dealers over the last five years". Some of the fakes have been sold to the United States, and it is thought several dealers and auction houses may have to reimburse the buyers.

Christie's declined to comment yesterday. A spokesman said: "We are looking into the situation and will keep you informed." A spokesman for Sotheby's said: "We are unaware of any of these fakes having passed through Sotheby's."

The second case involves the sale of pottery made recently by the Moorcroft factory in Burslem, near Stoke-on-Trent, and sold with faked certificates making out that the pottery is much older.

According to a spokesman at New Scotland Yard, some of this ware has also found its way into auction houses throughout the Britain.

John Moorcroft, managing director of the Moorcroft factory, said: "Someone has been printing labels which were used for many years by Moorcroft." The labels, he said, date from the late 1920s when his father was appointed potter to Queen Mary. "In 1978 the warrant expired and we haven't used them since then."

Two people have been charged following a raid last week in which a printing press and labels were seized.

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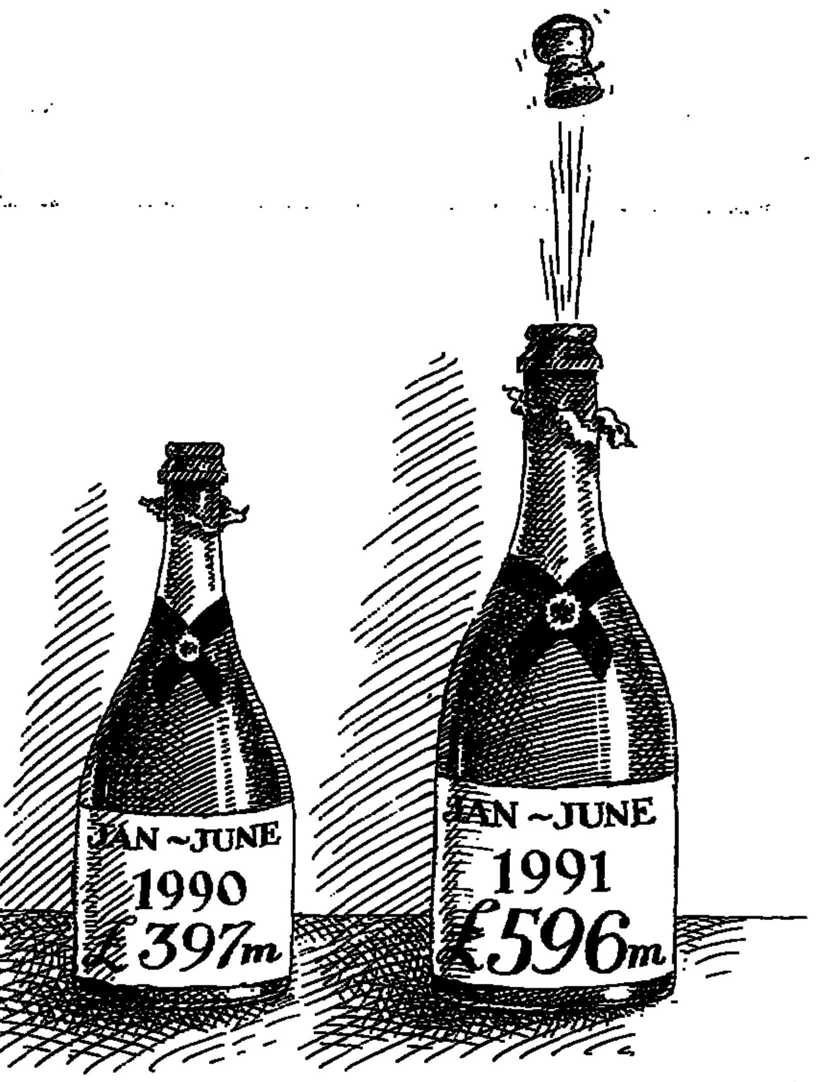

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Couple win legal battle to adopt Romanian orphan

By TIM JONES

A COUPLE yesterday won their High Court fight to adopt a four-year-old girl whom they rescued from a Romanian orphanage.

The decision by Mr Justice Waite is believed to be the first involving an orphan from Romania. He warned, however, that not all such cases would end as happily because Romanian adoption orders were not recognised in England.

"There are grave risks of disappointment, even heartbreak, for those who embark on adoption of overseas children without the advance backing of the immigration, health and social work agencies in this country," the judge said. "The guiding principles for those who want to help children in similar situations must be to enlist the help of the authorities and agencies who exist to help them in England."

Philip and Shirley Stevens from Barrow, in Cumbria, had flown to Romania in response to the plight of suffering children whose grim lives became known after the collapse of the Ceaucescu regime. When they returned to England with the little girl, Alexandra, who had suffered from a bungled eye operation, their local authority indicated that the adoption they had arranged under Romanian law might not be lawful.

During yesterday's hearing, the judge took Mr and Mrs Stevens and Alexandra into his private rooms to talk to them. He described the little girl as "a very charming child".

As Alexandra danced in the corridor outside the court, Mrs Stevens said: "It's a dream come true, a fairy-tale ending to our story. I never believed we would see this day."

She added: "When we went to Romania we went to an orphanage to see the children. But we did not want to pick one ourselves. We wanted the child to pick us. Alexandra picked us. At the time she could only speak half a word of Romanian, even though she was three. Now she is a complete little chatterbox. We can't stop her talking. Her English is very good. She has just changed beyond all recognition. She's a wonderful little girl. She had undergone an eye operation in Romania and had to undergo more operations on it in this country."

Mr Stevens said that the first thing he intended to do was to take Alexandra out to buy her a celebratory present.

Earlier this year, the same judge turned down the attempt by a couple he described as "admirable" to adopt two Romanian children because one of the prospective parents, Patrick Luff, had a heart condition which was said to give him a life expectancy of only ten years.

In spite of yesterday's decision, there are still hundreds of Westerners living in squalid apartments in Bucharest hoping to fly out with children they are trying to adopt and save from squalid orphanages. Many of the children are the legacy of Ceausescu's ban on contraception and abortion.

Earlier this week Ion Iliescu signed a law halting all adoptions, although it exempts those who have already filed their adoption requests. The law bars the adoption of children abandoned for less than six months, makes baby-selling a criminal offence and puts all adoptions by foreigners under a government committee.

The would-be parents in Bucharest trade horror stories about money-hungry middlemen and bureaucratic bungling. They frequently tell stories of adoptions dominated by cash payments and blind luck. Find the right official, they say, and you may get lucky. Find the wrong one and weeks of waiting could turn into months.

Some adoption experts, however, say that the new law will help to put the adoption process on a firmer footing.

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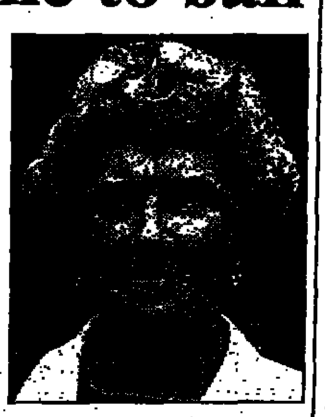
Why Gorman told Jeffrey Archer: Don't come to ball

By ROBIN YOUNG



Gorman: 17 hours of cross examination

TERESA Gorman, Conservative MP for Billericay, acknowledged in the High Court yesterday that her decision to dissuade Jeffrey Archer from being guest speaker at a ball in her constituency lost her "almost bankrupt" local Tory association £1,500.

The businessman who organised the event, Anthony Mudd, was so annoyed at Mrs Gorman's interference that he gave the £1,500 profits of the raffle at his fund-raising ball, attended by 600 Tory supporters, to his local Euro MP. Mrs Gorman is suing Mr Mudd for libel over a mock press release in which he ridiculed her and referred to hormone treatment she had received.

Mrs Gorman, aged 59, said that she discouraged Mr Archer from attending the ball at Mr Mudd's home because she thought it would be a a waste of his time. She said Mr Mudd had told her that a previous ball would have made a loss if he had not chipped in his own money. "To encourage a person of Jeffrey Archer's stature to go along to something which on two previous occasions had made a loss was not a sensible use of his time," Mrs Gorman said.

Mr Archer had accepted the invitation until Mrs Gorman's office told him that Billericay Conservative Businessmen's Association, of which Mr Mudd was chairman, was not affiliated to the constituency association and was not a successful fund-raiser. Mr Archer wrote cancelling the engagement, but Mr Mudd did not discover until three months later that Mrs Gorman was behind the decision, Mr Mudd's counsel, David Eady QC, said.

Mr Eady asked Mrs Gorman: "Did you not think it fair to let Mr Mudd know what you were doing behind his back?" Mrs Gorman: "I did not see it in that light".

Mr Eady: "Do you recognise that, by interfering in this way, your association, which was nearly bankrupt at the time, lost out on the proceeds of that raffle?" Mrs Gorman: "Yes".

Mrs Gorman ended her evidence after spending 17 hours in the witness box.

The mock press release was printed and circulated by Mr Mudd in May 1988 to more than 100 local Tories. Mrs Gorman told Mr Eady that if Mr Mudd had withdrawn his press release and apologised the matter would have been settled. She denied that her primary objective was to stifle Mr Mudd rather than to vindicate her reputation.

Mr Mudd, of Little Burstead, Billericay, denies libel. He claims the press release he distributed was true, fair comment and protected by privilege. The hearing continues on Monday.

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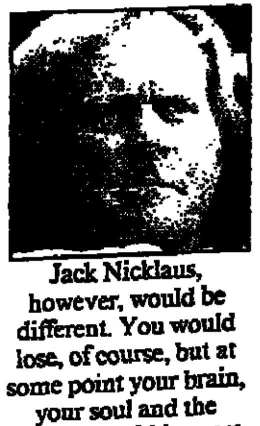
Hooked on golf

❝The real hook arises from the odd fact that, however bad you are, in any given round you are likely to hit one perfect shot. It applies to no other game. You could play Becker at tennis or run against Coe, but it would be a joke, no contest. Playing a round with



Jack Nicklaus, however, would be different. You would lose, of course, but at some point your brain, your soul and the physics would interact to produce one peach as good as anything the Golden Bear himself could have struck. From that moment you will be a lost cause.❞

Bryan Appleyard, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Drugs-by-post baron jailed for 20 years

A PAKISTANI drug baron arrested after being lured on to a British base in Cyprus was yesterday jailed for 20 years. Bashir Uddin Peracha, aged 39, was convicted of smuggling 56lb of heroin worth £2.8 million into Britain.

Knightsbridge Crown Court heard that Peracha ran a worldwide drugs-by-post smuggling operation.

He was arrested in February last year after an elaborate "sting" by British customs officers and the American Drug Enforcement Agency. They set up meetings with Peracha in Istanbul, Cyprus and Karachi to arrange bogus deals to smuggle heroin into Britain in international mailbags. He was arrested after entering the Sovereign Base Area at Dhekelia, Cyprus.

Peracha denied five counts of drug smuggling but was convicted on all counts. He was told to forfeit £130,000.

Unkind cut costs gardener £10,000

By ROBIN YOUNG

TEN minutes of tree surgery are likely to cost an overkeen gardener £10,000 after a judgment at Bedford county court yesterday. Mr Recorder Farrow ordered David Pepper to pay £975 compensation to his neighbour, Terry Davis, and to meet all the costs of their three-year legal battle, which are estimated at £9,000.

Mr Pepper and Mr Davis, both keen gardeners, had lived next door to each other for 17 years in Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, and were on friendly terms before Mr Pepper asked Mr Davis to cut back conifer branches which were overhanging his garden.

Mr Davis did nothing about it, so while he was away on holiday Mr Pepper lopped off the branches himself. He would have been within his rights if he had contented himself with cutting the boughs no further than his own boundary, but the judge decided yesterday that he had encroached by at least 6in.

The men have not exchanged any neighbourly words for the past three years. Mr Davis said yesterday: "The trees will never be the same again. They were just cut without any consideration."

Mr Pepper said: "The trees were overhanging my garden by about 3ft. I had asked Terry countless times to trim them back, but he didn't. So one evening I was trimming my apple and pear tress and just decided I would cut the conifers back myself. I do not know how I am going to pay the court bill."

CHRIS HARIS

Hand of comradeship: Raisa Gorbachev escorts Margaret Thatcher from the Russian embassy in London yesterday after a breakfast meeting, also attended by Neil Kinnock. Final farewell, page 1

Historic papers restore a reputation

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE fourth Earl of Sandwich, one of the most picaresque and controversial figures of the 18th century, is being vindicated after the National Maritime Museum acquired his political and naval papers.

The records have been bought from his family for £725,000, with the help of £430,000 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. They include correspondence with almost every contemporary statesman and 300 letters from George III.

Victorian historians blamed the earl for Britain's defeat in the American war of Independence, Roger Morriss of the museum said yesterday.

"As First Lord of the Admiralty, he was given the blame for not getting the ships through to relieve Cornwallis on the Chesapeake, the point at which the war was lost. Historians are now coming round to the realisation that with France, Spain and Holland also in the war on the other side, there was very little the navy could do."

John Montagu, Lord Sandwich, was a member of the navy board, on and off, for nearly 40 years. His tenure was crowned by a magnificent victory over the French navy at the Battle of the Saints, and the papers contain the letter from the victor, Lord Rodney, to Sandwich in 1782 which hopes for his vindication over the "unjust persecution of your enemies".

Sandwich was also a great gambler and member of London society who was known in the fleet as "Jemmy Twitcher". History alleges that the earl was too busy at the gambling table to leave for a meal and so ordered a sliver of beef between two slices of bread to be brought to him.

The papers also include the last letter from Captain James Cook, written from on board ship in 1776 and thanking Sandwich for arranging an allowance for Cook's wife.

"The documents, which are being studied, will help give an objective picture of the navy at that crucial historical time," Dr Morriss said.

St John's may be last to top Oxford table of excellence

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Oxford's richest colleges was identified last night as the university's most successful academic base for undergraduates in what may be the last appearance of the controversial Norrington table.

The ranking of colleges by degree results has become so unpopular with some dons that a move will be made next term to amend the university statutes in an attempt to make the necessary calculations impossible. Congregation, the university's ruling body, will be asked to approve the publication of results without college affiliations.

Critics including Claire Palley, the principal of St Anne's College, doubt that even this will put a halt to an exercise that has attracted worldwide interest. "There is a certain pessimism that people will find a way round whatever we do to stop it, but I certainly find the table most misleading and unhealthy," she said.

"It takes no account of the value added by colleges taking in people from slightly disadvantaged educational backgrounds, or those who drop out, and it is self-perpetuating in the effect it has on college applications."

At St John's College, which is back at the top for the fourth time in a decade, there is an understandably different view. Oliver Jacobs, the senior tutor, said: "My advice to people who ask what college to choose is always to look at past examination results. We are very aware that although it is quite nice to be at the top, it is not at all nice to be at the bottom. It has created difficulties for us in the past – we have not always been at the top."

The table, which was first proposed by Sir Arthur Norrington, a former president of Trinity College, in a letter to *The Times* in 1963, is said to have been designed as a joke. However, it remains the only published comparison of college results. Five points are allocated for a first class degree, three for an upper second, two for a lower second and one point for a third class degree.

Sir Claus Moser, the warden of Wadham College and a former head of the government's statistical service, said: "The table is a perfectly straightforward way of calculating examination performance. It is something that gives enormous pleasure to newspapers, but I have no strong views about it."

Wadham made the biggest leap in this year's table, finishing behind Balliol College, where tutors were celebrating 12 firsts in the last batch of results, for politics, philosophy and economics. The bottom places were again filled by small colleges, most recently mixed or still for women only.

☐ Ministers are considering a recommendation to reconstitute Her Majesty's Inspectorate as an agency outside the education department but still answerable to the education secretary.

A review team of civil servants submitted its report to Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, last week. *The Times Educational Supplement* reported yesterday that the main proposal is for agency status and a statutory link with local education authority inspectors.

The education department will not comment until a final decision is made on the structure of the inspectorate, but Mr Clarke is said to favour the review team's recommendations. The number of inspectors would be similar to the present 485, although a local link would offer access to many more staff.

RANKING OF COLLEGES BY DEGREE RESULTS

Position		College	Students	Points	%	Degree results 1	2:1	2:2	3
1	(4)	St John's	112	386	68.9	36	57	16	3
2	(5)	Balliol	114	380	66.7	33	57	20	4
3	(14)	Wadham	128	418	65.3	29	76	22	1
4	(9)	Magdalen	93	299	64.3	23	47	20	3
5	(10)	University	115	366	63.7	28	57	25	5
6	(1)	Merton	78	248	63.6	17	46	10	5
7	(12)	Keble	124	391	63.0	29	60	31	4
8	(3)	Corpus Christi	65	204	62.8	8	50	7	-
9	(2)	Queen's	97	303	62.4	19	53	24	1
10	(16)	Hertford	96	298	62.1	19	53	20	4
11	(6)	Jesus	110	341	62.0	20	64	23	3
12	(11)	Exeter	92	282	61.3	16	54	18	4
13	(8)	Lincoln	79	242	61.3	17	37	21	4
14	(23)	Oriel	89	270	60.7	16	46	25	2
15	(13)	Brasenose	111	330	59.4	17	62	27	5
16	(15)	St Catherine's	138	407	58.9	21	72	41	4
17	(17)	Christ Church	122	359	58.8	17	69	31	5
18	(7)	New	126	367	58.2	19	67	31	9
19	(22)	Trinity	75	218	58.1	11	40	19	5
20	(21)	Lady Marg Hall	113	325	57.5	16	58	32	7
21	(20)	Worcester	108	304	56.3	12	59	30	7
22	(19)	Pembroke	83	231	55.7	9	44	24	6
23	(25)	St Hilda's	116	315	54.3	5	71	37	3
24	(24)	St Edmund Hall	105	283	53.9	8	60	26	11
25	(28)	Somerville	94	253	53.8	7	50	31	6
26	(27)	St Peter's	92	246	53.5	7	50	26	9
27	(18)	St Anne's	133	354	53.2	8	71	47	7
28	(26)	St Hugh's	115	298	51.8	8	54	43	10

(Previous positions in brackets)

Privatised royal parks may host broader range of events

By JOHN YOUNG

THERE was a real job to be done in reassessing the purpose and function of London's royal parks, Dame Jennifer Jenkins, former chairman of the National Trust, said yesterday.

Dame Jennifer's appointment as chairman of a review panel to consider the future of the parks coincides with the government's controversial announcement that the management of the eight parks is to be devolved to private contractors.

She said, however, that this decision was the responsibility of the government, and not the review panel, but she thought it offered great possibilities as well as potential dangers.

Dame Jennifer said that the panel would be concentrating first on the future of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. Hyde Park in particular had suffered from the widening of Park Lane, the provision of a large underground garage and a big increase in traffic.

"I think there is a lot more to be done in the way of seeing that the historic landscape is preserved," Dame Jennifer said. "But I think we should also look at the scope for more activities, such as concerts and educational programmes for schools, and at whether catering and other amenities for visitors could be improved." The main danger presented by privatisation, she said, was that the parks might become understaffed. Staff should continue to be on hand to deal with emergencies.

Dame Jennifer: working to preserve landscapes

In his announcement on Thursday, Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, said that some 340 gardeners and other staff would be made redundant early next year, but would be offered job interviews by the new management organisations.

The parks had a well-deserved reputation for high quality horticulture, he said. "We want to develop this and, where possible, improve standards. However, opportunities for this are limited in the public sector. In the private sector there is the enterprise and initiative to develop this horticulture excellence."

Ron Tindall, district officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said the decision was another example of the Tories' dogmatic obsession with privatisation taking precedence over good management.

"For centuries the Royal Parks have been held in trust for the nation as the lungs of London," he said. "The government is now breaking that trust." A highly skilled and dedicated workforce was being made redundant by government diktat.

The eight parks concerned are Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park, Green Park, Regent's Park, and Greenwich, Richmond and Bushy Parks. The gardens of Buckingham Palace and Clarence House will be excluded from the scheme and will become the responsibility of the Royal Household.

Buckingham Palace yesterday denied reports that the Queen and the Queen Mother had specifically forbidden privatisation of the two Royal gardens. It had been agreed from the start that the inhabited royal palaces would be excluded.

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Decision shelved on route of tunnel rail link

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A GOVERNMENT decision on British Rail's proposed Channel tunnel high speed rail link between Folkestone and London has been put off until the next parliamentary session, the transport department confirmed yesterday.

The delay is likely to be greeted with outrage from the thousands of residents along the 69-mile route, particularly those living in North Kent and southeast London, who face another summer of property blight because of uncertainty over where the line will go.

Transport officials had hoped to make an announcement before parliament rises for the summer recess on Thursday. But a combination of the government's crowded timetable and the need for more time to evaluate BR's proposal forced Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to defer the decision until October or November.

Sir Bob Reid, the BR chairman, had been leaning on Mr Rifkind to make an announcement before the recess so that work could begin on a rail link environmental impact study, enabling a bill to be deposited in Parliament in November 1992. No details about BR's new route have been disclosed, although it is understood to favour a southerly approach into King's Cross station in London, similar to the route unveiled in 1989.

Mike Odling, chairman of Kent's economic development, planning, and transportation committee, said that any further delay was regrettable. "It means a continuance of the property blight which began when British Rail first unveiled its plans in July 1988. Many people are unable to sell their properties, and are at their wits' end."

However, Gerry Bowden, the Conservative MP for Dulwich, south London, said that the delay was promising. "Mr Rifkind now appears to be taking the time needed to fully assess the merits of alternative proposals to bring the rail link into London via Stratford in the east."

● The oldest working tunnel boring machine in the world, used in an abortive attempt to build a Channel tunnel in 1923, was unveiled in Folkestone yesterday with a member of the original crew at the controls. The 25-ton machine has been restored.

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Steam rail line lures tourist trade

A THREE-mile extension to the Isle of Wight's steam railway opens today in an attempt by local railway enthusiasts to help roll back the recession and boost the island's tourist industry (Michael Dynes writes).

The £600,000 project, which includes a new station at Smallbrook built and paid for by British Rail, will link the steam railway to Network SouthEast's eight-mile island line, which runs between Ryde Pier Head and Shanklin.

The extension took the island's 80 volunteer rail enthusiasts four years, with enthusiastic backing from the English Tourist Board, the Rural Development Commission, the Wightlink ferry company and the island's local authorities.

The steam railway began operations in 1971, five years after British Rail ceased running steam trains on the island line between Ryde and Cowes. The railway runs four steam locomotives , the oldest of which dates back to 1876, and attracts about 80,000 passengers a year.

Investigations reveal new secrets hidden behind BCCI's doors and those of its biggest town-hall investor

The phantom bank which refused to keep records

The Bank of England believed that irregularities in the Third World's leading bank had been curbed until staff provided even more shocking revelations, reports **Neil Bennett**

THE Bank of England knew for years that there was fraud inside the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. What it never knew was that the bank was operating a widespread systematic fraud in which depositors' funds were spirited away into a black hole where no records were kept.

A succession of reports since 1987 from Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditors, had detailed irregular loans. American investigators had meanwhile uncovered a major drug-money laundering ring within the bank. The head of its Paris branch, Nazir Chinoy, has been extradited to Florida on charges of laundering drug cash.

The Bank of England, head of an international college of regulators established to monitor BCCI, believed that these incidents were isolated and could be dealt with.

It ordered the bank to reorganise its ownership structure, which brought in the Sheikh of Abu Dhabi as the 77 per cent shareholder last year. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan brought in fresh capital and a guarantee of any further financial assistance the bank needed.

Senior staff responsible for the irregular loans were dismissed last October, including Agha Hasan Abedi, the bank's founder, and Swaleh Naqvi, the chief executive. The Abu Dhabi authorities then began to plan a complete reorganisation of BCCI, which would have dissolved the Luxembourg holding company and relocated the bank in London.

All seemed to be well until January when the Bank of England was contacted by a senior BCCI executive who had lost his job in the bank's restructuring. What he told the Bank of England about BCCI's treatment of deposits made it order Price Waterhouse to complete a report under section 41 of the Banking Act. Such a report is a detailed study needed to order a bank closure.

The report was delivered to Eddie George, the deputy governor of the Bank of England, on June 25 and caused him a sleepless night. It is still confidential but is believed to show how BCCI's senior executive accepted large deposits and failed to make any record of them. They were channelled round the world through a secret bank-within-a-bank.

While the earlier revelations of loan fraud and drug-money laundering had worried the Bank of England, they were not enough to close down a $20 billion bank, with all the hardship that would involve. When Mr George saw the report, he knew that the Bank had no alternative but to order a shutdown.

The Bank of England told the Treasury and the prime minister about the radical action they needed to take by telephone the next day. The message was repeated in a meeting at the Treasury on June 28. The chancellor and the prime minister then gave Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Bank of England's governor, the go-ahead for the unprecedented closure of BCCI a week later.

BCCI's hidden deposits had been needed to fool the bank's regulators into thinking the bank was still liquid, when in fact it had been losing billions of dollars on interest-free and false loans.

BCCI was the Gulf's most popular bank. Any government official in the region knew that he could borrow large sums with the minimum of fuss, often on "Islamic terms". The Koran forbids lending money on usury, so an Islamic loan is interest-free. Unfortunately, BCCI was at the same time paying top interest rates to depositors.,

Senior bank employees were also allowed interest-free loans and many may not have been recorded or even repaid. BCCI employees now allege that some senior executives used the money to fund large property investments under the names of their relations.

Touche Ross, the accountants and now BCCI's worldwide administrators, is trying to piece together the bank's finances and the extent of the fraud. It is being assisted by the former head of BCCI's UK operation, Basheer Chowdry. No one knows how large the unrecorded deposits are or where they all came from. The unofficial estimate is $4 billion but this is likely to rise. A proportion of the deposits almost certainly belongs to the Central American drug barons. Some may well have come from arms smuggling. These are unlikely to be reclaimed.

BCCI was popular for all kinds of illegal money transmissions. Apart from its lax reporting standards, it had the most extensive branch network in the Third World of any bank, with operations in 69 countries. The network had been established through Mr Abedi's impressive list of political contacts. In many countries, including Peru, Nigeria, Camaroon and Pakistan, BCCI handled government business. In China, BCCI was the first foreign bank allowed to open in the Shenzhen economic development zone.

Sheikh Zayed was unaware of the illegal activities at BCCI. He was attracted to invest in the bank after watching Mr Abedi's charitable activities in the Third World. He is thought to have invested more than $2 billion in the bank and is the greatest loser in the whole affair. Mr Abedi lives in Karachi, Pakistan, and claims that he knows nothing of BCCI's affairs in the past three years. The sheikh's assistants are trying to salvage something from the world's largest bank crash. The Abu Dhabi authorities have protected Bank of Credit and Commerce (Emirates), BCCI's 40 per cent-owned affiliate in the region, and plan to convert it into a locally-owned operation.

Sheikh Zayed may now use BCCE to buy BCCI's operations in Pakistan and Hong Kong and to bail out local depositors in BCCI.

Not everyone in Abu Dhabi is so innocent. A senior bank official in Abu Dhabi is named in the Price Waterhouse report as central to the fraud. For that reason the Bank of England could not tell the sheikh of its decision to shut BCCI.

Touche Ross and the Serious Fraud Office are keen to interview many of BCCI's senior staff who have not been seen since the bank collapsed. Chief among them is Swaleh Naqvi, the former chief executive, who resigned after irregular loans were uncovered at the bank last October.

Imtiaz Ahmed, the head of worldwide credit and Mr Naqvi's right-hand man, also seems to have vanished. These men may know details which may help investigators discover where the bank's hidden deposits came from and where they went.

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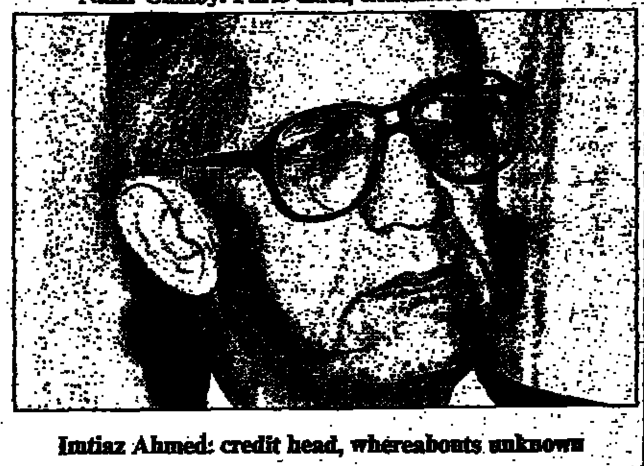
Swaleh Naqvi, BCCI chief executive: resigned when irregularities discovered

Basheer Chowdry: former head of UK operation

Nazir Chinoy: Paris chief, extradited to Florida



Imtiaz Ahmed: credit head, whereabouts unknown

Western Isles borrowed most of lost £23m

By Kerry Gill

THE financial plight of Western Isles' council, which stands to lose more than £23 million after the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, deepened yesterday with the disclosure that £17 million of it was borrowed from the money market.

It was confirmed by the Scottish Office that the cash was borrowed at attractive rates and lent to BCCI in a series of speculative deals. The council faces demands from its creditors for the money to be repaid with interest.

A government spokesman said: "We understand that the Western Isles borrowed £17 million ahead of need and lent it on to BCCI at a high rate of interest and the money was borrowed on the money markets." It had been thought that the £17 million was public money, much of it from the Public Works Loan Board for impending council projects.

A statement from the council's headquarters in Stornoway said: "The council has been made aware that the Scottish Office has issued a statement suggesting that it borrowed £17 million for the purpose of on-lending and that this was part of the £23 million deposited with BCCI. In view of the enquiry which is being undertaken, and which is now pending, it would be premature of the council to comment on these most unhelpful statements which are being issued by the Scottish Office."

Last night it was thought that only a small amount of the £17 million came from other councils and that the council's action again could be questioned by the accounts' commission. One professional source said he believed that speculative on-lending was not within a local authority's statutory power. A council can borrow "marginally" in excess, or in advance, of requirements if such action is in the interests of the efficient management of the authority's loan, according to the Local Government (Scotland) Act of 1975.

Professor Alexander's enquiries will centre on where the money was borrowed and whether the council had continued to indulge in speculation that would have involved an unacceptable degree of risk, never mind the sudden collapse of BCCI.

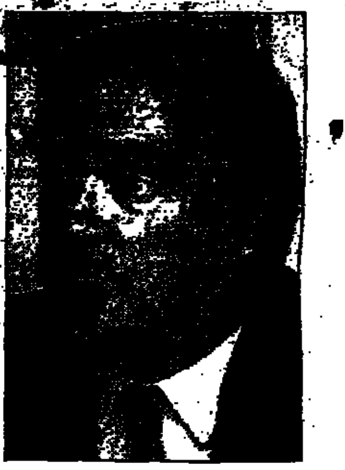
The council and Donald Macleod, its finance director, were criticised for similar speculation by the Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland three years ago. The commission says that councils should not borrow money to on-lend outside Scotland.

Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, promised during a visit to Aberdeen that the Scottish Office would look carefully at any approach or proposition made by the council. But he said that it was not the government's duty to bail out the council and that the officials had to be responsible for their own actions.

He said that financial aid for the Western Isles would have a severe effect on taxpayers and on council spending throughout Scotland. "I cannot give any undertaking that we will bail them out, particularly in a way that will affect other council spending."

Yesterday the Rev Donald Macaulay, the council convener, asked members not to speak to the press about the loss during the external enquiry being held by Professor Alan Alexander of Strathclyde university.

Mr Macaulay said in a letter to councillors: "In the interests of the smooth performance of the council's functions and staff morale, and so as not to impede the work of the external enquiry, I would advise you that all members should refrain from making statements to the media on this matter."



Macleod: criticised three years ago for speculation

Paper-chase adventures of the lost letters

By Sheila Gunn
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DURING the great Whitehall paper chase of several hundred letters a day, two notes headed "Redundancies at BCCI" were shifted by the Treasury's ministerial correspondence unit in early June last year.

They had been passed on by Tony Benn, the Labour MP for Chesterfield, and addressed to John Major, then Chancellor of the Exchequer. Like most of the welter of correspondence, they never reached the folder marked for the personal attention of the Chancellor in his red box. Instead a junior civil servant in the unit, seeing that the gist of the letters from BCCI staff focused on redundancies, scribbled a note to pass them on to Michael Howard, the employment secretary.

The letters found their way to Mr Howard's private office in Caxton House. A fairly standard reply was drafted to Mr Benn, stating that many of the allegations dealt with banking matters and would be passed on to Nicholas Ridley, then industry secretary.

As Mr Howard was passing on Mr Benn's letters one Saturday last July, Mr Ridley was in a country retreat, about to resign over his anti-German remarks in the *Spectator* interview. During the change-over of industry secretaries, the letters were lost. No one seems to remember if they were addressed to Mr Ridley at the department, as expected, or the Commons. What became clear yesterday is that no official or minister thought of sending the letters on to the Bank of England which, it was known at the Treasury, was already suspicious about BCCI's operations.

Key dates in the saga:

January 1990: BCCI subsidiaries in federal court in Florida, and convicted of multi-million-dollar laundering of drug money after investigation involving American and British customs. Federal authorities confiscate $14.8 million of bank's assets.

March 19, 1990: Lords Treasury minister says banking act prevents government from commenting.

April 23, 1990: In Lords debate, initiated by Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lord Henley, a junior minister, discloses that Treasury officials have told Bank of England of "the degree of public concern". Bank of England confirmed "continued supervision" of BCCI.

June 12 and 19, 1990: Tony Benn passes on to the Treasury two letters from BCCI staff showing concern about "dubious activities" at the bank. Letters passed to Michael Howard.

July 14, 1990: Mr Howard writes letter to Mr Benn that he has passed on letters to Nicholas Ridley as industry secretary. Mr Ridley resigns over anti-German remarks. (Industry department now says it has no trace of letter and Mr Ridley refuses to comment.)

October 3, 1990: Price Waterhouse gives Bank of England report on suspected fraud at BCCI.

June 26, 1991: Bank of England tells Treasury of later report by Price Waterhouse detailing alleged fraud involving hidden deposits totalling an estimated $4 billion.

June 28, 1991: Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, brief John Major about BCCI's operations. Bank of England activates regulators in Britain, United States, Cayman Islands, Switzerland, France, Spain and Luxembourg for closure.

July 5, 1991: Bank of England closes down BCCI.

July 16, 1991: Mr Leigh-Pemberton flies to Abu Dhabi for talks with BCCI authorities.

July 17, 1991: Commons Treasury committee announces BCCI enquiry.

July 19, 1991: Norman Lamont accounces public enquiry.

July 22, 1991: Winding up petition due against BCCI in High Court.

Hub of activity: staff at the Bank of Credit and Commerce International dealing room in the City of London

Evidence will stay secret, judge says

CREDITORS of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International failed in a High Court attempt yesterday to get access by their legal advisers to the full uncut evidence to be presented by the Bank of England at next Monday's winding-up application.

After a three-hour hearing, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, the Vice-Chancellor, said he was satisfied that the degree of secrecy insisted on by the bank had a specific and necessary purpose in the context of the BCCI case.

The two groups of creditors, represented by Slater Links solicitors of Manchester and Richards Butler, the City firm, have been given access to the Bank of England's evidence, including a crucial report on BCCI's affairs by Price Waterhouse, the accountants, with many names and dates blanked out. The evidence has been disclosed to the law firms on the condition that it will be used solely for the purpose of advising on the winding-up and will not be shown to anyone else, including their clients.

Mr John Cherryman QC, for the Richards Butler group, which represents depositors with up to $100 million in claims, said the "bowdlerised version" of the bank's evidence was virtually incomprehensible. Mr James Wadsworth QC, for the Slater Links creditors, said he had read the edited report several times and was none the wiser.

Gabriel Moss QC, for the Bank of England, said the deletions were not made because of some desire for paranoid secrecy. The names of those accused of fraud in the Price Waterhouse report were blanked out because of the massive media coverage of the case. If their names were plastered all over the press, it would be impossible for them to get a fair trial anywhere in the world.

Other categories blocked out were names of informers, names of customers to whom there was a duty of confidentiality and names of parties whose publication might jeopardise continuing negotiations aimed at rescuing BCCI or providing help for depositors.

Dismissing the creditors' application, Sir Nicolas said he was not satisfied that they needed to identify any of the individuals involved in order properly to present their case in the winding-up proceedings. He said he was influenced by the proposition that any hope of a rescue — and he did not suggest that there was such a hope — could be severely prejudiced if certain names got into the public domain.

Sir Nicolas also refused to order that creditors should be given access to earlier Price Waterhouse reports and accounts which were not part of the bank's evidence in support of a winding-up.

Ever more obstacles litter road to the isles' economic salvation

..The BCCI debacle could not have happened at a worse time for the fragile economy of the Western Isles, **Kerry Gill** writes

A PLEA for government aid was made by crofters yesterday to help conserve wildlife and farming in the Scottish islands.

The appeal to designate the islands as environmentally sensitive areas, enabling farmers and crofters to claim subsidies, comes at an opportune time for the Western Isles after its disastrous £23 million investment with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Yesterday's news that £17 million had been borrowed from the money market served to aggravate the sense of gloom.

As Professor Alan Alexander prepares to begin on Monday an enquiry into the BCCI investment, councillors could be forgiven for wishing they had a benefactor like Lord Leverhulme, the millionaire soap manufacturer who pumped £200,000 a year into Lewis and Harris, the biggest Hebridean islands, to develop fishing and crofting after the first world war.

The Scottish Crofters' Union and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds yesterday asked the government to make Orkney, Shetland and some of the inner Hebrides environmentally sensitive areas.

They are worried the Common Agricultural Policy could lead to more intensive farming on croftlands, or their abandonment. Crofting is the backbone of the Western Isles economy, which has benefited from European Community and Treasury funds.

The cold claw of debt may also touch the Harris tweed industry, believed to have been introduced by King James V to help stop clan warfare after 1540. Two mills shed jobs recently, curtailing production traditionally carried out by crofters' wives at home. The mills employ relatively few people, but the number of crofters making tweed in their loomsheds is far greater.

The fishing industry, which employs about 1,500 people, 10 per cent of the working population, may be the first to be hit by BCCI's demise. A multi-million-pound plan to improve piers in Lewis, Harris, Uist and Barra is in jeopardy.

Donny MacInnes, secretary of the Western Isles Fishermen's Association, said if the projects, due to be approved next month, did not go ahead "it will have severe repercussions." He added: "Difficulty in landing catches is one of the biggest restrictions for the fleet. We have begun catching dogfish for the Italian and French markets in an effort to diversify. This is one area where the lost money will hit the economy."

The fleet, like others around Britain, is too large. Mr MacInnes said it was vital that the government finance a decommissioning scheme for less viable boats. The rich shellfish grounds, which provide 90 per cent of the local catch, are threatened by east coast fishermen driven from the North Sea because of falling quotas.

The community of Rhenigidale, just six people, must be relieved that the BCCI collapse came after the completion of a £1.5 million, five-mile road to their hamlet on the edge of Harris, until recently one of Britain's most isolated villages.

The EC provided half of the money for the road, which curls over rocky mountains, with the rest from the council and government. But another EC-aided project, to upgrade the main road from Lewis to Barra to two lanes by 2025, may not go ahead.

A third £28 million phase of the defence ministry's plan to build concrete aircraft hangers at the airfield has been shelved, ending hopes for construction jobs. Builders will suffer a further loss of work when Stornoway's hospital is completed soon.

The BCCI collapse may also affect the council, which is the isles' biggest employer with about 2400 people on its books.

Unemployment in the Western Isles is 10 per cent. Although the recently reopened Lewis Offshore yard has provided 250 jobs, it is a drop in the ocean for a population of more than 32,000.

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Police want more powers to help curb 'bail bandits'

By Quentin Cowdry, home affairs correspondent

A CHIEF constable yesterday called for police to be given wider powers to remand people in custody after research that shows that an average 27 per cent of recorded crimes in his area were committed by offenders on bail.

Teenage burglars, car thieves and young men previously convicted of assault are particularly prone to reoffending while on bail, according to the research conducted by Avon and Somerset police. The study suggests that "bail bandits" are responsible for between 24 and 39 per cent of recorded crime. In some parts of the force's area, they are responsible for almost 40 per cent.

Chief Constable David Shattock called for two measures to help tackle the problem: a new offence of committing a crime while on bail and the extension of the 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act to enable police to remand suspects in custody if it was considered they might reoffend while awaiting court hearings. He accepted that magistrates were under strong pressure to grant bail as often as possible, but suggested that the trend had been taken too far.

Pointing out that bail offenders accounted for almost half of the recorded car crime and burglary in Avon and Somerset, he said: "I am under pressure to reduce crime, but the law as it stands is tying one hand behind my back. The link between crime and the persistent reoffender can no longer be ignored."

He said that in one recent case a man was bailed by magistrates after being charged with stealing £3,500 from a building society. Shortly afterwards he stole £8,500 from another building society.

The research will fuel mounting concern among chief constables that the courts are granting bail too freely. The Association of Chief Police Officers, which has been deeply disturbed by the sharp increase over the past year in recorded crime, is to consider possible weaknesses in the 1976 Bail Act during a meeting of its crime committee in September. Some other forces, including Northumbria police, are investigating the problem of people committing offences while on bail.

Mr Shattock's proposals were criticised yesterday by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, which said that the answer to distinguishing between bad and good bail risks was to provide courts with better information about defendants before trial. The association said that this would entail a substantial extension of the network of bail information schemes run by the probation service.

Vivien Stern, the association's director, described the proposed crime of offending on bail as "unnecessary and fraught with danger". "Defendants who commit imprisonable offences on bail can be punished for the offences themselves and sentencing courts regard their bail status as aggravating the offence," she said. "A new offence could enable courts to deal harshly with defendants who commit trivial, non-imprisonable offences on bail."

Council's rent rise condemned

A council is to pay £10,000 a year to rent back its own offices.

Five years ago Sheffield's Labour council agreed to let a building in Tudor Square to the left-wing Independent Bookshop for a nominal sum and to rent back the upper rooms for storage for £4,800 a year — with provision for a rent increase. Now the shop has decided to raise the rent to £10,000 a year, the going rate for city centre office space, and the council has no option but to pay.

Opposition leaders are furious. David Heslop, leader of the Tories, said: "This is absolutely stupid. The council is actually paying out to rent its own offices."

Suicide verdict

A verdict of suicide due to lack of care was returned yesterday on a chef who hanged himself in a cell at Holloway police station, north London. Gary Grace, aged 23, of Upper Holloway, had a history of suicide attempts. His mother said that she told police the night her son died that he was suicidal.

Siege ends

Twenty Turks and Kurds yesterday ended their siege of the offices of Amnesty International in Clerkenwell, central London, after 27 hours. Their aim was to make Amnesty try to get an explanation from the Turkish government for the killing of ten Turkish revolutionaries on July 12.

Case dropped

Actor John Hurt (above) had a charge of dangerous driving dropped in a Dublin court yesterday. But Hurt, aged 51, who lives in Co Kildare, was remanded until September 4 on charges of drink driving and leaving the scene of an accident, following an incident in Dublin in April.

Tricky job

Michael Austin, a methodist minister from Bolton, Greater Manchester, has been appointed chaplain to the 1,800-strong British ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

M40 charges

Dozens of motorists are to be prosecuted after an 82-vehicle pile-up on the newly opened M40 extension near Bicester, Oxfordshire, in fog in February. One woman died and 23 people were injured.

Last round

Shooting is to be banned at Pagham harbour nature reserve, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex, ending at least 150 years of wildfowling there.

JOHN HARRIS

Battle-scarred survivor: Caerphilly Castle, Mid Glamorgan, where full-scale working models of medieval siege engines will be set up

Castle missile-launchers may throw new light on old battles

By Tim Jones

ONE of the great mysteries of medieval warfare could be answered later this year when giant siege engines will be tested to determine, among other things, whether they had the power to send a putrid horse or human corpse whizzing over a castle wall in an early form of germ warfare, as ancient woodcarvings suggest.

The origin and performance of these great slings and crossbows are a matter of debate in academic circles. Dr Hugh Kennedy, reader in medieval history at St Andrews university, Fife, believes that they were brought back from the Crusades. Others think that they originated in Europe.

What is certain is that they were, for their day, extremely efficient, the ancient equivalent of B-52 bombers and essential to the arsenal of any king, prince or warlord intent on breaching enemy fortifications. Some siege engines were ten-ton monsters, Dr Kennedy, who has studied the dynamics of the engines for years, said: "They were undoubtedly very effective, although no one in modern times has been able to demonstrate the exact technology involved."

His questions could soon be answered when Mists of Time, a Bristol company, presents to Cadw, the Welsh ancient monuments organisation, working models of the machines for display in the grounds of Caerphilly Castle, Mid Glamorgan.

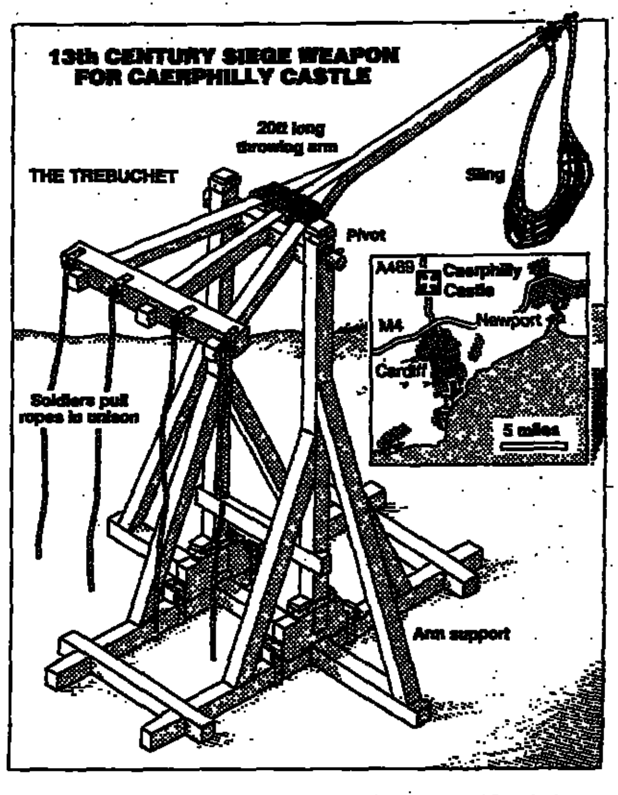
To re-create the machines, the company engaged on a year's research which took its representatives to some of the wilder corners of Europe. David Lazenby, who runs the company, said these journeys and studies of 13th-century woodworking methods had helped his team to uncover facts which could change the views of historians on engines such as the catapult-type mangonel, the trebuchet and the crossbow-like ballista.

The trebuchet appears to have relied on teams of men behaving like demented campanologists, leaping in unison to grab ropes in order to hurl into the air a massive arm to which was attached the missile-carrying sling.

Mr Lazenby said: "Not one single siege engine has survived to the modern times and we had to base a lot of our knowledge on sketchy information contained in old manuscripts.

"The only known siege engine to have been found was in a Prague church about 100 years ago. Apparently it was a huge trebuchet but it was so large that the wood was used as firewood." The team found a 13th-century plan which contained a drawing of the base of a trebuchet but little else.

A Cadw spokesman said: "Wales is one of the only countries in the world to be building a set of such machines capable of actually firing. Other than a very few fragments, there are no original machines in existence.



The medieval period was characterised by warfare, with battles raging between English kings and Welsh princes.

"Then, as now, great effort and resources were poured into building weapons of destruction and we hope to provide an insight into that period of history."

If putrid horses and corpses can be avoided, Caerphilly may soon find itself on the main tourist route.

Battle for TGWU post puts Labour in firing line

By Philip Bassett
Industrial editor

THE electorally sensitive issue of Labour's relations with the unions is likely to be exploited again by the government after the contest opened yesterday for a senior post in Britain's biggest union.

The main battle for the Transport and General Workers' deputy general secretaryship will be between a supporter of Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and a member of the Communist party. Conservative leaders including Michael Howard, the employment secretary, are likely to try to make capital out of whoever succeeds Bill Morris, who becomes general secretary-elect when Ron Todd retires next year.

If the job goes to Jack Dromey, the union's public services national secretary, a Kinnockite and the husband of Labour frontbencher Harriet Harman, leading Conservatives will use the result to show how close Mr Kinnock still is to the unions.

But if victory goes to Jack Adams, the motor workers' national secretary, ministers are likely to use his win to show the continuing influence of the left within Labour and the unions. The election of Mr Adams, a former convenor of Rover's Longbridge plant who is widely regarded in the TGWU and outside as stable and pragmatic, would make him the most senior active Communist in Britain's unions.

The vote is likely to take place in the autumn. Mr Dromey, aged 42, declared his candidacy yesterday, saying that he was receiving support from across the union and was "absolutely confident" of victory. His supporters claim that he has the backing of Mr Kinnock, Mr Todd and Mr Morris. Mr Dromey said of relations with Labour: "The TGWU must not try to run the Labour party, and the Labour party must respect our industrial independence."

Mr Adams, aged 57, is expected to declare his intention to stand next week after final consultations within the union's powerful broad-left machine. Leading left-wingers and union national and regional secretaries are likely to support him as a stop-gap candidate rather than see Mr Dromey become in effect general secretary-in-waiting.

Mr Kinnock's supporters in the Labour party are angered at left-wingers putting forward Mr Adams. While they accept his personal value, they are alarmed at the potential damage to Labour in the run-up to a general election of a Communist taking over a senior job in the largest Labour-affiliated union.

- Local government manual workers are to receive a two-hour cut in their working week under a deal announced yesterday, the largest hours agreement in the public sector.

As part of a 6.4 per cent pay package, the hours of 900,000 council manual workers, including dustmen, cleaners, caretakers and gravediggers, will receive through local negotiations two hours off their working week by January 1994. Mr Dromey said it was a good deal for local government in ending discrimination against manual workers.

Parliamentary group fights anti-semitism

By Ruth Gledhill, religious affairs correspondent

A NEW parliamentary group has been formed to combat anti-semitism. The British group of the Inter-Parliamentary Council against Anti-semitism was launched in London as 300 theologians and lay leaders met in Southampton for the annual gathering of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ).

The Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, told the ICCJ: "Against all the expectations of the secular mind, religion has once again emerged on the world stage as a major political player." He cited the growing force of Islam and Hindu nationalism as examples and called on all major world religions to move from "the arrogance of religion to the humility of religion."

Each world religion should be open to an enlargement of its understanding of truth through contact with other religions, he said.

Meanwhile, at the launch in the House of Commons of the British group of a new worldwide body to combat anti-semitism, John Major said the Jewish community had played an outstanding part in British life and other countries.

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Charity hopes to save schools' art collection

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

AN ATTEMPT to salvage some of Derbyshire's arts provision, much reduced by the county council's subsidy cuts, is being made by an arts charity.

Art for All, which is based in Derby city hospital, hopes to save the council's arts resource collection for schools, which is due to close next week after 50 years, by persuading the council to invest some of the proceeds of a painting it sold at auction.

Derbyshire's cuts in its arts and cultural service provoked widespread condemnation. The entire arts budget of £276,000 was cancelled for this year. The council was expelled from the Museums Association and struck from the Museums and Galleries Commission's register of approved museum authorities for sending for sale paintings from the collections of the Buxton Museum. A Lowry painting sold in May raised £40,000.

The Office of Arts and Libraries stepped in when the council announced its intention to close 11 libraries, and there is to be a local independent inquiry into library provision.

Frank Walters, director of Art For All, said £45,000 was needed of which £10,000 had been raised.

Father wins interim custody of son aged 3

AN EDINBURGH sheriff has awarded custody of a three-year-old boy at the centre of a parental dispute to his father until September 15 while she decides the child's fate.

The hearing, before Sheriff Hazel Aronson, QC, lasted six days. Ernest Veitch is the great-great-grandson of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In November last year Duncan Veitch, aged 30, a record producer, of Edinburgh, snatched his son and took him to Baltimore, County Cork. This sparked an international police search, which ended in December when Ernest was returned to his mother, Sara, aged 22, who was born in the United States.

Mr Veitch, who later told a court he feared his son would be taken to the United States, was later found to be in contempt of a court order and fined £500. His wife, a student at Edinburgh University at the time they separated in October, had been awarded interim custody of their son.

In April, Mr Veitch was granted fortnightly access to his son. But he learned in a call from his solicitor that Mrs Veitch had taken their son to America. She was ordered to appear for the final hearing to decide the future of the boy and to bring him from America.

Must do again: the dreaded school report is making a comeback

The annual school report, all but abandoned in the Seventies, is getting a second chance. **David Tytler** reports

THE school day that many parents and most children greet with trepidation comes at this time of year.

The annual school report, virtually killed by the Labour government of the Seventies, is back for more than 2.5 million children who will face the truth as perceived by their teachers within the next few days.

In the past, two children in Germany and Belgium killed their parents for complaining about their reports and an English father threatened to sue his children's teachers if they continued to use such uncomplimentary phrases as "two-faced" or "some deplorable moments".

Shirley Williams, when Labour education secretary, said that she believed reports should be replaced by direct contact between parents and teachers who could discuss problems freely and frankly. She said that traditional reports through which were scattered "must do better", "satisfactory" and "poor" were no longer good enough and they largely fell into disuse.

With the introduction of the national curriculum and its tests, starting this year for seven-year-olds, the government decided that every pupil should be given a report at least once a year, the first time for most primary and many secondary children.

A standard report form was issued by Tim Eggar, the education minister, to all local education authorities earlier this year. It seems that most have preferred to design their own from this July for children aged five to eight and 11 to 13 years, with other age groups to follow.

"Up to now," said Mr Eggar, "some parents have received excellent reports, some have had incomprehensible ones, and some have had none at all. This is not good enough. All parents have the right to expect the same basic information."

The education department suggested in guidance to teachers published earlier this year how they might approach the new-style reports. They would have to cover progress in the national curriculum and results in national tests.

Under "Overview of performance", for example, the report might say: "John is a happy child and he has had a successful year. His work is moving forward well, with just a few gaps still to be filled. Most of his attainments are at level 2 with very few at level 1 and several at level 3 [the national curriculum attainment targets for seven-year-olds]. This is a better than average score … His reading is improving steadily and he has worked really hard at mathematics."

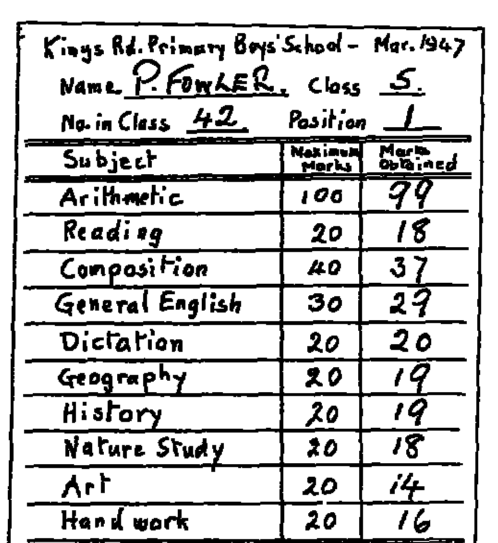
Mr Eggar's efforts were disparaged by the National Union of Teachers, which said: "The model report is bland, superficial and uninformative." The union said yesterday that it preferred "records of achievement" which stayed with children throughout their school career. The trouble with reports is that they tend to be one-off and tell you nothing about achievement from the last year".

The characteristics of the traditional classroom record were neatly captured in *School Report* published by Weidenfeld and Nicholson on behalf of the children's hospital service *Radio Lollipop*. David Dimbleby, the BBC current affairs presenter, received a glowing report in all his academic subjects from his preparatory school, Glengorse, near Battle, East Sussex. The 1946 report was less generous on games: "Shows great interest but is still slow on his feet."

A similarly glowing report from Kings Road primary school in Chelmsford, Essex, was offered by Sir Norman Fowler, which showed that he came top of his class of 42 with 289 marks out of 310. His lowest scores in March 1947 were 14 out of 20 for art and 16 for handiwork.

Sir Geoffrey Howe's headmaster at Abberley Hall preparatory school near Stourport, Hereford and Worcester, wrote in Easter 1939: "Geoffrey has earned an excellent report. There are still gaps in his knowledge, particularly in Latin and maths, but his general progress this term has been very satisfactory. He has shown some promise as a forward at rugger this term and obviously enjoys the game. His health and conduct have been excellent."

Glenys Kinnock made her mark as head prefect at Holyhead county school, Gwynedd: "If Glenys maintains her enthusiasm she should do well. A very good school librarian. Glenys's work sows great promise."



Kings Rd. Primary Boys' School - Mar. 1947
Name P. FOWLER. Class 5.
No. in Class 42 Position 1

Subject	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Arithmetic	100	99
Reading	20	18
Composition	40	37
General English	30	29
Dictation	20	20
Geography	20	19
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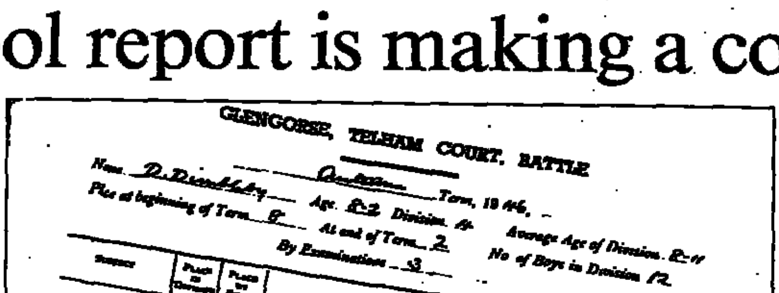

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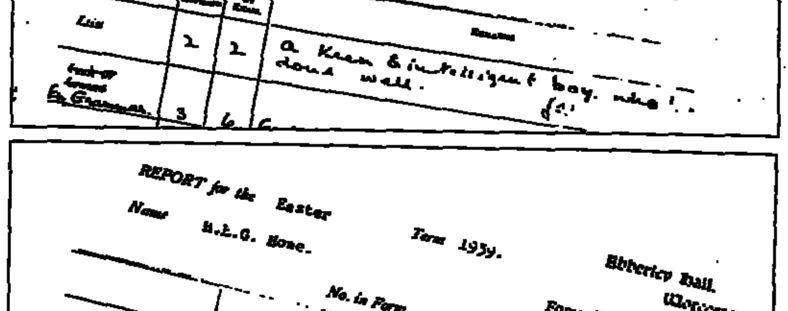

REPORT for the Easter Term 1939.
Name H.E.G. Howe.
Abberley Hall Worcestershire
No. in Form 6. Form V.
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End of term verdict: Fowler (Peter Norman) left, top of the form with 289 marks out of 310; Dimbleby, top right, glowing report, but less generous on games; Howe, bottom right, "health and conduct have been excellent"

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Mubarak reinforces Arab backing for Baker peace plan

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

JAMES Baker, the US Secretary of State, yesterday looked set for more groundbreaking talks with Arab leaders who are likely to follow Syria's acceptance of the American peace initiative for the region, this weekend. After leaving Damascus, having achieved what he described as "an extraordinarily positive step", Mr Baker travelled to the Egyptian port city of Alexandria for talks with President Mubarak of Egypt.

President Mubarak proposed after meeting Mr Baker that the Arabs suspend their economic boycott of Israel if the Jewish state stops building settlements in its occupied territories. Mr Baker said such a measure would make the climate more positive. He is also scheduled to meet King Husain of Jordan and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia before arriving in Jerusalem tomorrow for a crucial session with Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister.

While Egyptian and Saudi support for their closest Western ally was to be expected, Mr Baker is in a position to win Jordanian endorsement for his plan to host a Middle East peace conference sponsored by the superpowers and attended by the key players in the region. The conference would attempt to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Palestinian question under United Nations guidelines that favour Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories in exchange for peace between Arabs and Jews. Jordan's role in any settlement is essential, particularly when it comes to the question of who will represent the Palestinian people at the negotiating table.

Mr Baker's task in recruiting King Husain will be made easier because the Hashemite monarch enjoys unprecedented support from Palestinians on both banks of the Jordan river and Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, with whom Israel and the West refuse to negotiate, is at an all-time political low.

Taher al-Masri, Jordan's newly appointed prime minister, himself a Palestinian moderate from Nablus, won a no confidence vote in the Jordanian parliament on Thursday, which will give his government a mandate to pursue a peaceful solution through dialogue.

The real test of Mr Baker's diplomatic skills will come tomorrow when he meets Mr Shamir in what is being billed in Israel as a lively encounter between the secretary of state, with backing from the Arabs and the international community for peace talks, and an Israeli leader, who feels he is being pressured into making concessions against his will.

A foretaste of the meeting was revealed yesterday when Moshe Arens, the Israeli defence minister, and David Levy, the foreign minister, both tried to dampen expectations and emphasised the procedural obstacles over which Israel still refuses to compromise, such as the presence, albeit as an observer, of the UN at the talks. "I can't imagine Baker will leave here with an agreement that will be acceptable to all the sides and that will bring about the calling of the meeting he is interested in having," he said.

Israeli officials said that Mr Shamir would probably try to stall progress by raising fresh objections, but they admitted that, if Mr Baker has full Arab backing, and invites all the parties to attend the conference, Israel would be forced to the negotiating table or risk international vilification.

Voice of protest: a woman proclaiming Jerusalem to be capital of the Palestinian state, in the city yesterday

Palestinians get life for killing collaborators

Jerusalem — An Israeli military court in the occupied Gaza Strip yesterday imposed 19 life sentences on five Palestinians charged with murdering Arabs suspected of collaborating with the Israeli authorities, military sources said.

The five Palestinians from Khan Yunis were members of a militant group known as the Palestinian Ninjas, with ties to Fatah, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's main component. Muhammad Salam Saher, aged 19, named as the group's leader, was given four life sentences plus ten years in prison. Three other members were also given four life sentences, while another got three life sentences. The men were found guilty of murdering a Palestinian couple in 1990, whom they accused of collaborating with the authorities and a Palestinian woman whom they said was a prostitute.

B'Tselem, a human rights group yesterday criticised Judge Ezra Kama for not recommending that charges be brought against policemen who killed 17 Arabs in Jerusalem. The judge ruled that it was impossible to tell who killed the Palestinians during the clash on the holy city's Temple Mount in October. *(Agencies)*

Germans deny Shia claims on prisoners

From ALI JABER
IN BEIRUT

ALARMED by fresh threats from Shia militants here, the German embassy in Beirut declared in a communiqué yesterday that the authorities in Germany have taken measures to ensure the safety of two Shia Lebanese prisoners serving long sentences in Germany.

The German action came after the family of the brothers Muhammad Ali Hamadei and Abbas Hamadei, who are held in Germany on various terrorism charges, said the pair were being physically and morally maltreated.

Threats against Germany intensified here after a group of Muslim fundamentalists calling itself the Islamic Jihad organisation gave a warning on Thursday against maltreating the Hamadei brothers and threatened the German government with "severe punishment if the harassments continued." In Bonn, government officials called an emergency meeting yesterday and strongly rejected allegations that they were being mistreated.

The prison authorities have taken the necessary measures to avoid further incidents involving other prisoners, said the embassy communique.

Confusion reigns on Kuwait defence

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE future defence of Kuwait has become more confused than ever, with all coalition troops expected to be out by September and no promise yet of replacement Arab units.

Western governments remain hopeful that Kuwait's Arab allies will produce a security framework, though British diplomatic sources admitted yesterday that progress was slow. Diplomats say the Kuwaiti authorities are afraid that once the withdrawal of American and British forces has been completed, the country will be vulnerable to an attack by Iraq.

All this seems a far cry from the suggestions and promises made soon after Iraq had been driven from Kuwait, that deterrent forces would be established in the region to prevent Iraq from contemplating a similar venture.

Saddam: will be reminded of British presence

The foreign ministers from the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council, and Egypt and Syria, pledged this week to remain faithful to the so-called Damascus declaration which foresaw a joint Arab force to protect Kuwait. But they failed to agree a formula for the creation of such a unit. Although there is to be another meeting in September, it seems unlikely that Arab forces will be stationed in Kuwait permanently.

The United States still has 44,000 military personnel in the region, but there are fewer than 4,000 in Kuwait and they will have left by September. Britain has a company from the Royal Anglian regiment in Kuwait City, which will have returned home by the end of this month, leaving behind only teams to help clear up unexploded bombs.

Suggestions soon after the end of the war that Britain might consider stationing fighter aircraft in the region came to nothing. However, it now seems that the RAF is paying more visits. Saudi Arabia, Oman and Bahrain provide good low-flying territory and, with well-established links with Britain, the frequency of the visits for training purposes is intended to remind President Saddam Hussein that British fighters will often be in the area.

BEIRUT NOTEBOOK by Richard Beeston

Crooks lament end of anarchy

The two Lebanese thieves who on Thursday began their sentence of two years' hard labour for stealing telephone cable must curse the day that peace returned to this troubled land.

In the bad old days at the height of the civil war such petty theft would have gone unpunished at a time when the authorities were helpless to stop far more serious crimes.

Today, however, as the government begins to reassert its authority, thousands of Lebanese from every religion and class are discovering the hard way that the price of peace and stability can be very costly, particularly for a people grown accustomed, and some might say addicted, to the anarchy of 16 years.

"It sounds crazy to admit it, but I miss the old days," said Donna, a Lebanese professional in her twenties who has spent most of her life in a country at war. "People used to look after each other, it was exciting, you could do what you liked — now Beirut is just like anywhere else."

Beirutis can now expect to pay taxes, utility bills and parking tickets. The city's drivers, once the most lawless in the world, now have to pass driving tests and wait patiently at intersections while police direct traffic.

University students can no longer cheat with impunity in their finals. Businessmen have to pay import duty on goods which were once smuggled in to the country. Property rents, which have remained fixed at pre-war prices of as little as £10 a year, are now to be re-evaluated.

Nasri Lahoud, the hard-pressed head of the military tribunal and brother of the army chief of staff, is the man with the thankless job of reasserting some semblance of order on a nation suffering war withdrawal symptoms.

"You can imagine the problems we are having after 16 years of anarchy," said Mr Lahoud, whose investigators are concerned with cracking down on drug trafficking, prostitution and racketeering — for years three of the city's favourite pastimes.

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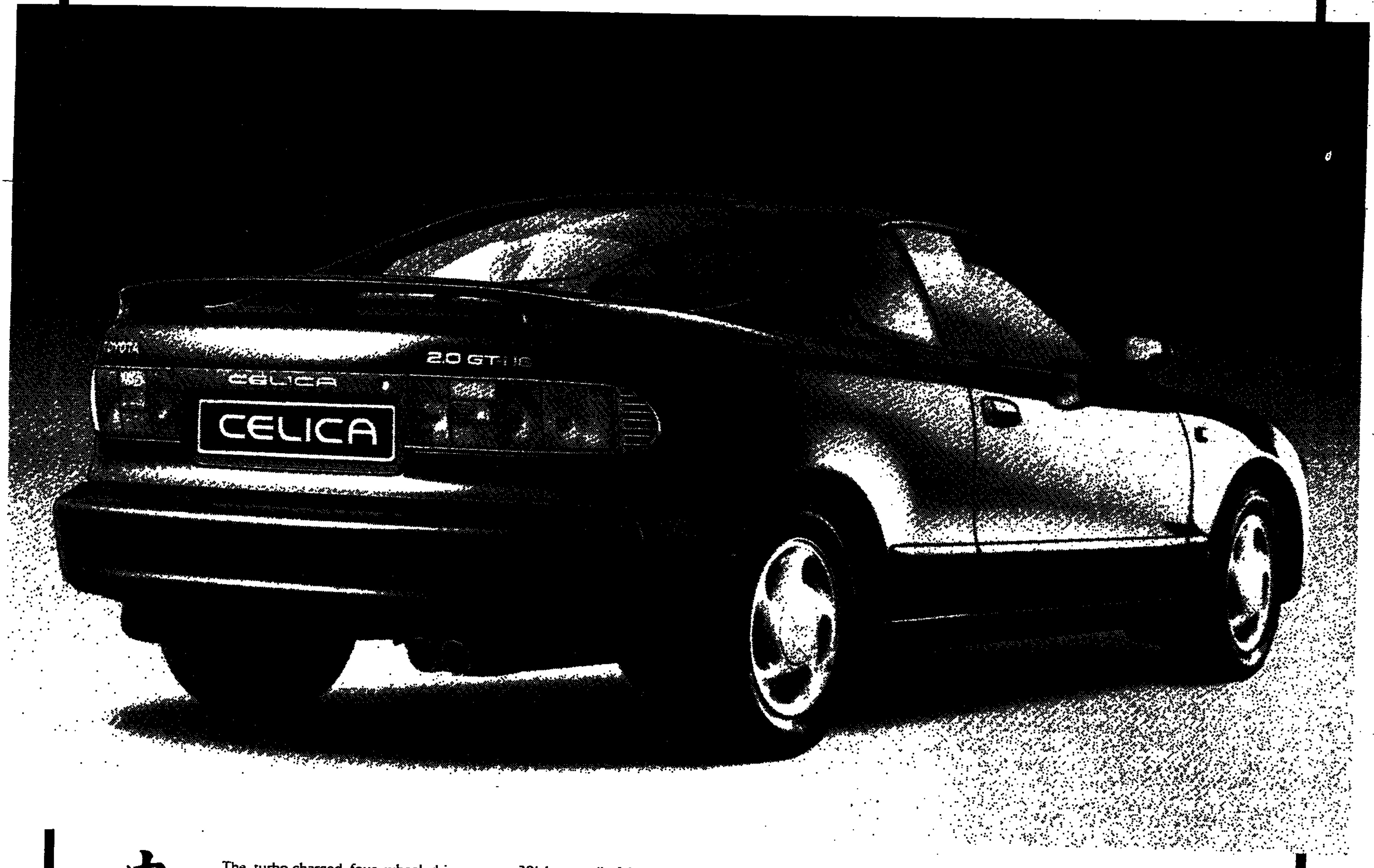

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China pleads for foreign aid as flood threat grows

By JONATHAN BRAUDE IN LIU HE COUNTY AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHINA appealed for more international aid yesterday as a former minister, Qian Zhengying, admitted the government had been ill-prepared for the widespread flooding that has already claimed at least 1,700 lives.

Yang Zhenhuai, the water resources minister, said yesterday that fresh floods were threatened as a rain band moved north and west, and typhoons developed in the Pacific. He also said that contaminated drinking water was causing dysentery and diarrhoea among tens of millions of stranded flood victims.

While the danger of flooding was over in eastern China, it still threatened the north and Sichuan in the west, he said. Mr Yang estimated that 1,781 people had died, most of them by drowning, in collapsed buildings and in landslides.

Mr Yang, who is also deputy commander-in-chief of the state flood control headquarters, acknowledged that the government's estimates on deaths and damage in the disaster were not necessarily reliable.

Mr Qian, the former minister of water resources, said China failed to dredge rivers and planted where it should have built dikes. "Since no major floods had occurred in a number of years, many people relaxed their vigilance and failed to dredge rivers in time," Mr Qian was quoted as saying by the New China news agency. He retired three years ago after 14 years at the ministry of water resources.

Local media have accused officials of failing to spend enough money on flood prevention.

In Liu county, Jiangsu province, 500 peasant families rescued after being stranded for a week on top of a narrow dike, where they had taken refuge from the floods that had engulfed their village, shouted "Long live the Chinese Communist party" as boats came to take them off the dike. Children had scrawled the same message on the blackboard of the school where they were now being housed. A Chinese official said it was spontaneous.

Li Depei, the village head, said: "The Communist party housed us and fed us and we are totally dependent on them now. Later when we go back to our village, I am confident the government will help us with seeds and crops."

As the rains spread, it was almost as if the flood control teams that have been fighting the nationwide disaster had been organised as a publicity stunt for the party. The Chinese press has seized on the extraordinarily effective work the flood teams have achieved in rescuing, feeding, sheltering and nursing flood victims in order to praise the party cadres as "selfless heroes".

The *China Daily* reported a "spontaneous" outburst from a woman who met a reporter from her local *Yixing Daily*. The paper said: "She eagerly blurted out, 'please write an article praising our village party secretary.'" It seems the official had sacrificed building material from his family's new home to help check the floods.

However, in the towns there is criticism of the prime minister, Li Peng, for not cutting short a Middle East visit while the nation was in the grip of a flood disaster. But in the country the peasants do indeed have something to be grateful for.

As one diplomat said: "One cannot blame the party for seizing on this chance to prove its popularity. It could have been done by any halfway competent government. But in the West the politicians would have been out there gathering votes too."

US agrees Korean bases move

From REUTER IN SEOUL

THE United States and South Korea have agreed to move American military facilities out of Seoul to the provinces by 1997, South Korea's defence ministry said yesterday.

The US army's main facilities at Yongsan would be moved to Osan, 28 miles south of the capital, and to Pyongtaek, 12 miles further south, a ministry spokesman said. South Korea would shoulder all the costs of the move, he said, without disclosing figures. The local Yonhap news agency estimated the cost at more than $1.9 billion (£1.1 billion).

Osan is an American air base and an operational command base for the South Korean air force. Pyongtaek houses American troops.

The city government of Seoul requested the move because military facilities were blocking development projects. The government is concerned by soaring property prices and overcrowding in Seoul.

Built shortly after the 1950-3 Korean war in what was then an outer surburb of the capital, the sprawling Yongsan base now occupies prime land for development in central Seoul. Housing many of the 43,000 American troops stationed in South Korea, its restaurants, Western-style homes and American leisure facilities are reserved for the exclusive use of US military personnel and their guests.

Anchored ship of the desert: Roger Kayipipi of the Kaltjiti camel farm having trouble moving a stubborn charge at Luddenham showground, 100 miles southwest of Sydney. Australian Aborigines staging their first yearling auction hope to break into the lucrative camel racing circuit in the Middle East

Nods and winks pay off for Toyko market men

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

WHEN the president of the Tokyo stock exchange declared this week that Nomura Securities had not been manipulating share prices and the exchange would tighten controls on unethical market practices, the public believed him no more than if he had claimed the moon was made of cheese.

The testimonial came as Ryutaro Hashimoto, the finance minister, was vowing to Group of Seven colleagues in London that his ministry will increase the openness of transactions in financial markets, will investigate links between Japanese securities companies and gangsters, and might introduce legislation to prevent unfair and unethical business practices.

The Japanese have learnt to allow for a gaping chasm between such public words and the deeds to which they refer. Both statements were intended as reassurance following the financial scandal which has shaken Japan for a fortnight.

The nation's four largest stockbroking firms, Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi securities — arguably the most powerful quartet of financial firms in the world — have been accused of offering lavish compensation to favoured clients for stock and bond transaction losses suffered during the year-long decline of the Nikkei stock market index. Nomura and Nikko have also been accused of shady dealings with a well-known gangster group.

Imprecise accusations and empty promises of reform seem to be the extent to which this sordid affair is going to go. The public needs only to cast its mind back a couple of years to the Recruit shares-for-favours scandal, to remind itself of similar protestations of repentance and pledges of ruthless clean-outs.

Japanese politicians swore then that they would give up their dirty practices of money-politics. As every voter knows, venality still guides Japanese politics. Voters are still wooed at election time with cash or perks. Given that Japan's financial markets have been renowned for years as hotbeds of vice and manipulation, few expect the financial community to buck the trend and make good their promises.

A big impediment to change is that Japan's giant banks and securities houses, which dwarf all world competition, operate hand in hand with the ministry of finance. Their senior executives, many of whom are former finance ministry officials, are accustomed to making daily pilgrimages to the ministry to liaise, nodding and winking, with bureaucrats on market movements.

Now accused of negligence in policing their constituent markets, ministry officials admit that their habit of ruling the nation's financial institutions by means of "administrative guidance" may have contributed to widespread security-house misconduct.

As is customary with scandals in Japan, time-honoured steps have been taken to deflate public criticism. The accused have subjected themselves to suitable displays of contrition, often considered adequate punishment in themselves, and have awarded themselves a series of ritual wrist slappings.

The presidents of Nomura and Nikko have resigned to take responsibility, although both were instantly reinstated under the new guise of deputy chairmen. The four brokerage firms have each been "punished" with a fine of £20,000 — a drop in the ocean relative to their vast earnings — and a ban on soliciting business for four days. The Bank of Japan's governor, Yasushi Mieno, put the final full stop on the affair on Wednesday by stating that the scandals will have no impact on the economy.

"It is difficult to believe that such shady dealings are confined to just the four biggest stockbrokers," admitted a senior finance ministry official. He conceded that ranks have now closed on the affair and that any investigations will be superficial, leading to little or no change in the fundamental workings of the markets.

Real change, bringing independent regulatory watchdogs compatible with those in other international financial centres, would be impossible without profound reorganisation of Japan's business, financial and economic system. While such changes will eventually become unavoidable, Japan will implement them at its own pace.

Symbol of resistance: Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of opposition to hardline military rule in Burma, who is completing her second year in house arrest in Rangoon today. The Oxford graduate was detained on July 20, 1989, for criticising army brutality. Her National League for Democracy won a landslide victory in last year's election but the military has refused to honour the result.

Aids vote angers US health service

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

KIMBERLY Bergalis, the Florida student whose dentist gave her Aids, will die knowing she has profoundly influenced the debate on how to protect patients from HIV-infected health care professionals — though perhaps not in the way she had envisaged.

Amid the hysteria generated by her case, in particular by a searing letter she sent the Florida health authorities, the Senate has just approved a draconian measure which would make it a crime for doctors, dentists and nurses to treat patients without disclosing they had Aids.

The measure would impose penalties of ten years' jail and fines, and was introduced by Jesse Helms, the arch-conservative who said he personally favoured horsewhipping the "rogues in the medical community who have knowingly and callously exposed innocent people to the Aids virus".

The measure was condemned by medical experts. It should be rejected by the House — unless it too takes fright — in favour of a second, more moderate measure approved by the Senate. The 81-18 vote nevertheless illustrated the depth of public fear inspired by the Bergalis case.

Miss Bergalis, aged 23, contracted Aids from her bisexual dentist, David Acer, while having two teeth extracted in 1987, and is close to death. Dr Acer treated about 2,000 patients knowing he had Aids, but was protected from disclosing his ailment by Florida state law. In April Miss Bergalis's letter was published in papers across America.

She had slept with no-one, used no drugs. She blamed "Dr Acer and every single one of you bastards — anyone who knew Dr Acer had full-blown Aids and stood by not doing a damn thing about it".

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, five of 182,000 recorded Aids victims contracted the disease from a health worker, all from Dr Acer who has since died.

Inkatha 'had police funds for rallies'

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE South African government has been embarrassed by disclosures of collusion between the security police and the Inkatha Freedom Party, its principal black political ally.

Senior police officers were summoned to an emergency meeting at the ministry of law and order yesterday after a newspaper published evidence of clandestine police support for Inkatha in its power struggle against the African National Congress.

The Weekly Mail in Johannesburg reported that the security police headquarters in Durban paid more than £50,000 into an Inkatha bank account to fund mass rallies and other anti-ANC activities before and after Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, was released from prison last year. The newspaper obtained receipts, bank deposit slips, and police memoranda confirming the payments and meetings between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, and Major Louis Botha of the Durban regional security police.

Allegations of covert police involvement in Inkatha's bloody conflict with the ANC have been rife for months, but *The Weekly Mail* provided the first documented proof. Chief Buthelezi's spokesman said that he had "no knowledge" of the payments, but a ministry spokesman said a statement would be issued after an investigation.

The newspaper discovered that £5,000 was paid to a trade union affiliated to Inkatha in October, 1989, with £20,000 going to Inkatha a month later, and a further £25,000 paid to stage a rally in Durban last year. Clashes between Inkatha supporters and township residents before and after the rally precipitated weeks of fighting.

The most damning evidence was contained in a ten-page memo from Major Botha requesting funds to ensure a big turnout at the rally, to demonstrate that Chief Buthelezi had strong support.

● **Copenhagen:** Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish foreign minister, said Denmark would maintain its trade sanctions against South Africa, blocking European Community attempts to ease them.

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Beginneth the lesson of 100 Jezebels

Three years after the end of the "holy wars" that brought down some of America's top television preachers, a court in New Orleans is learning just how much sex and money got the better of brotherly love in the multi-million-dollar world of the electronic pulpit.

The venue for this epilogue to the evangelical scandals of the late 1980s is the libel trial of Jimmy Swaggart, the fire-and-brimstone preacher who was last seen by his worldwide flock in 1988 tearfully confessing to an episode of sexual dalliance.

Mr Swaggart, who says the Lord has forgiven him, is facing a $90 million (£56 million) suit from Marvin Gorman, his erstwhile rival. Mr Gorman says Mr Swaggart falsely claimed that he had slept with more than 100 women. In what promises to be a marathon trial, Mr Gorman, who was dismissed by his Assemblies of God ministry in Louisiana, is seeking to prove that from his own glass house, Mr Swaggart waged a campaign using sexual allegations to bring down rival preachers.

On Thursday, the Rev Andy Harris, a former Swaggart assistant, explained how Mr Swaggart closely monitored the ratings of his television rivals. In 1987, he had telephoned the Praise the Lord (PTL) ministry to inform them of the liaison between Jim Bakker and Jessica Hahn, a church secretary. That scandal triggered Mr Bakker's exposure as a money-grubbing charlatan and the collapse of the huge PTL ministry. He is now serving a 40-year prison sentence for fraud and tax evasion. The PTL directors told Mr Swaggart then that they were already aware of such allegations and did not need his help, Mr Harris said.

Mr Swaggart had also spread allegations about Mr Gorman, said Mr Harris. Mr Gorman's lawyers are seeking to show that Mr Swaggart coveted the other preacher's position and set out to destroy him.

While the Deep South has been riveted by the Swaggart trial, disputes over sex have dominated the deliberations of the bishops and governors of the Episcopalian church, America's wing of the Anglican body and one of the mainstream US denominations. On Tuesday, after heated debate, the church's governing convention decided to back down from the prospect of an impending schism and postpone a showdown on the issue of ordaining homosexuals. Instead, it reaffirmed the traditional view of marriage as the only proper framework for sexual expression, while also declaring that it was struggling with "discontinuity between this teaching and the experience of many members of this body".

The decision did not please Bishop George Hunt of Rhode Island, who had proposed that it endorse homosexuality as a "God-given" state and that gay relationships were "holy, life-giving and grace-filled".

Most of America's mainstream Protestant churches have chosen this year to consider proposals to abandon traditional doctrines on sexuality in favour of teaching in line with the more liberal thinking and behaviour of many in their flock.

Charles Bremner

Magnificent Seven head off Lone Ranger at the pass

Gorbachev: disappointed but could not say so

Gorbachev galloped into the G7 summit, self-invited and looking for favours. The Soviet leader rode away beaten and still an outsider, **Mary Dejevsky** writes

PRESIDENT Gorbachev flew home to Moscow yesterday with tributes and endorsements for his reform policies ringing in his ears, but the experience of a rare diplomatic failure clearly etched on his mind. For once in his political career, Mr Gorbachev was beaten by a highly polished operation which was all the more impressive for having involved seven separate national leaders with divergent interests.

Mr Gorbachev's meeting with the Group of Seven was always going to be difficult to handle, largely because he had flouted diplomatic convention in inviting himself to a forum at which the Soviet Union did not belong. It still does not belong, even after his visit. That may be the real source of his disappointment. But the most gracious of appearances were kept up, his case was heard and promises of future action were given.

After the meeting, the small gestures came thick and fast: Britain's chancellor would go to Moscow at once; its "know-how" fund to supply technical assistance would be more than doubled; and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development said it would seek additional funds for Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. At the official lunch, John Major paid Mr Gorbachev all manner of compliments, including calling him a revolutionary leader.

But the fact remained that the Soviet leader had not succeeded in dominating the G7 summit as he had hoped. The key diplomatic decision was to invite Mr Gorbachev after the main business of the summit was over; placing the meeting with him outside the framework of the summit.

By the time Mr Gorbachev arrived in London, two declarations had been agreed and the third, economic, declaration was close to completion. The next morning, the G7 finalised their economic deliberations. As in the political communiqué, the section on the Soviet Union was well down the list, preceded by a longer, more specific and more positive paragraph on Eastern Europe.

British sources said afterwards that the summit had been determined not to let the claims of Eastern Europe be eclipsed by those of the Soviet Union. After Mr Gorbachev had made his submission, British officials briefed the ambassadors of Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, keeping faith with the countries of Eastern Europe which had abandoned communism.

Another crucial diplomatic decision was the G7's six-point statement on assistance for the Soviet Union. This contained provision for continuing ties between the group and the Soviet leadership, but said nothing about membership. The statement was drafted before the G7 met Mr Gorbachev and then "finessed", but it was not significantly changed.

The statement was the only document released at the end of the meeting, but it was not a joint statement. It was the G7's statement of intentions, not one to which Mr Gorbachev subscribed. For the G7's diplomatic purposes it sufficed; but it did not apparently satisfy Mr Gorbachev.

At every meeting he attends, the Soviet leader is used to setting the agenda and having at least an equal say in drafting the final document. Anyone who becomes head of the Soviet Communist Party succeeds, at least in part, because he is a better manipulator of terms and drafter of documents than his rivals. At the G7, Mr Gorbachev was presented with a *fait accompli*; he was outnumbered and the seven had achieved a degree of unity not anticipated by the Soviet side.

The chief difficulty for Mr Gorbachev was that the G7's document treated the Soviet Union as a petitioner, not as an equal partner and most definitely "not one of us".

Once that was established, the way was clear for the Soviet leader's official visit to Britain to begin, with all ceremonial, personal compliments and consolation that he could have wanted. Yesterday morning, before he left for the airport, his old friend Margaret Thatcher expressed the hope that he was not disappointed with the G7 "because these things take time". He was disappointed, his aides had made that clear, but the measure of the British diplomatic achievement as chairman of the G7 was that he could not say so.

● *Moscow* — The territorial dispute over the Kurile islands, often cited as the key to unlocking Japanese cash to the Soviet Union, was by no means Tokyo's only concern about large-scale aid to the Soviet Union, said Taizo Watanabe, the Japanese foreign ministry spokesman (Bruce Clark writes).

"The USSR is still a resource-rich country. Are they ready to convert these resources to civilian use?" he asked, citing some questions that needed answering first before financial aid could even be considered.

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Croats see new threat in Slovenia withdrawal

From ANNE MCELVOY AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND TIM JUDAH IN LJUBLJANA

THE Yugoslav federal presidency's decision to order the withdrawal of the army from Slovenia was greeted yesterday there as a de facto acceptance by the central authorities of the republic's secession from the union.

Janez Drnovsek, Slovenia's representative in the collective presidency welcomed the move as "a victory for reason" and said that it constituted "the recognition of Slovenia's sovereignty."

Milan Kucan, the Slovene president, admitted that the decision was a surprise, but added that it was a "highly positive" development. "This is not the final resolution of the Yugoslav conflict," he said, "but it paves the way for its peaceful resolution."

Janez Jansa, the Slovene defence minister, agreed that the withdrawal order was a positive decision but said that it raised some doubts. He said that a number of units appeared to be exempted and he voiced the suspicion that the pull-out was, in fact, a cover by hardline army officers to "replenish and then begin the second stage of the 'liberation' of Yugoslavia."

But the move comes as a blow to Croatia's own struggle for independence. Croatia's outgoing prime minister, Josip Manolic, said that the decision was "a step forward for Slovenia, but a step backwards for Croatia." He added that the withdrawal would speed up the demise of Yugoslavia but conceded that it was "the most reasonable decision the presidency has made yet.

The federal troops will begin their withdrawal from Slovenia immediately and will be stationed in areas of Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina near the Croatian border.

In a communiqué issued after ten hours of talks in Belgrade, the eight-man federal presidency said: "The command, units and institutions of the people's army should no longer be stationed in the territory of the republic of Slovenia until there is final agreement over the future of Yugoslavia." However, despite this proviso, it is considered inconceivable that the army, once withdrawn from Slovenia, should return there.

Those career soldiers who are of Slovene nationality will be given three months to decide whether to stay in the army or not. "We accept that many will leave," a spokesman for the army command in Ljubljana said yesterday. Within the army, the agreement appears to have come as a relief to younger officers in Slovenia, who were unhappy at their new role as an occupation force there. But older officers are said to be disappointed at the government's willingness to give up the fight for Slovenia. In return for the withdrawal, Slovenia has promised to stop its territorial defence, draw back from positions near the army and restore the power it cut off from five army bases.

The presidency will convene for further talks on Monday in the Macedonian resort of Ohrid, together with the presidents of the eight republics, for the first time since the confrontation began. While the parliament in Zagreb has passed an identical independence resolution to that of Ljubljana, it knows that it will not gain its freedom as easily as Slovenia. The presence of 600, 000 Serbs in the Krajina enclave and in the border areas makes secession less easy than in ethnically homogeneous Slovenia.

The chairman of the federal presidency, Stipe Mesic, voted against the withdrawal on the ground that it shifts the attentions of the army to Croatia.

● **Bucharest:** A series of earthquakes rocked western and eastern Romania yesterday, causing much damage. *(AP)*

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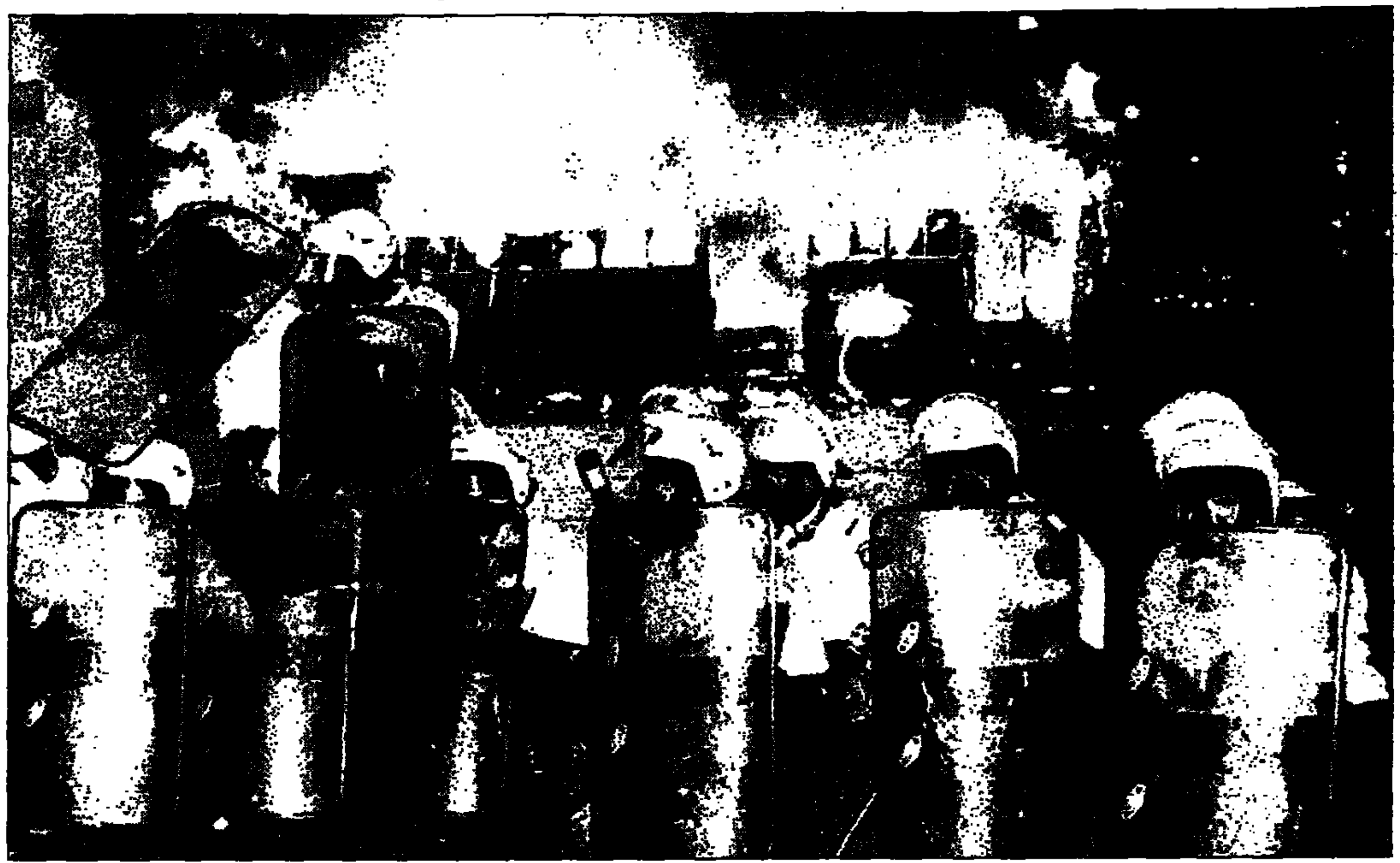

Greeks bearing shields: Athens police, above, confronting anti-American rioters who had set fire to a bus while President Bush attended a state dinner. He said he had been unaware of the violence provoked by his visit. Yesterday, below, Mr Bush and wife Barbara get the measure of the Acropolis

Athens offers tear gas and tourism

From CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

THE pungent stench of tear gas still hung over Athens early yesterday as President Bush visited the Acropolis before inspecting Greek and American forces on Crete.

Mr Bush said that he had been unaware of the violent anti-American riots that broke out between police and anarchist students while he was attending a state dinner at the presidential palace, and continued with fierce battles until dawn.

The president said: "For me, it was a very tranquil evening." Mr Bush, who appeared in good spirits, said he was "not a bit concerned" about the disturbances in which scores of demonstrators and police were injured.

"It's part of the people's right to go out and say what they think," Mr Bush said, and added: "Any place any American president goes, whether it's Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco, New York or Athens, you're bound to stir up a little attention."

As he made his remarks, a group of anarchists and extreme left-wing students were still barricaded in the Athens polytechnic and police feared a resumption of anti-American violence, in protest at Mr Bush's two-day official visit. Mr Bush, admiring the Acropolis, was almost lost for words, uttering: "All is so impressive and it's marvellous for us what lots of Americans would like to do by getting a taste of this history."

On Crete, Mr Bush went to Souda Bay naval base where he mingled with the crew of two frigates, one Greek the other American. Standing beside Constantine Mitsotakis, the Cretan-born Greek prime minister, he said the American government had resolved to strengthen the Greek armed forces and would be supplying two frigates, 28 jet fighters and tanks and artillery.

The Bushes fly to Ankara early today for a similar visit to Turkey.

Zhivkov's daughter 'committed suicide'

From REUTER IN SOFIA

LUDMILLA Zhivkov, the politically powerful daughter of Todor Zhivkov, the disgraced Bulgarian communist leader, did not die of natural causes as officially reported but committed suicide, her former bodyguard was quoted as saying yesterday.

Miss Zhivkov, who was in charge of culture and held important posts in the Communist party during her father's 35-year rule, was said to have died of a brain haemorrhage in 1981. But Dimiter Mourdjev, her bodyguard for the last seven years of her life, was quoted by the newspaper *Troud* as saying she committed suicide with an overdose of sleeping pills.

He said that in the last months of her life, she was in a state of deep depression caused by political, personal and health problems. On July 20, 1981, she suddenly left the Borovets mountain resort where she was undergoing treatment for an undisclosed medical problem and went to the state residence at Boyna, near Sofia, where she took the overdose, he said.

There was speculation after her death that she had been killed by political rivals, jealous of her power and her hold over her father, who was ousted in 1989.

● **Reactors shut down:** The Bulgarian government has decided to shut down two dilapidated nuclear reactors at a power plant whose condition was criticised recently by the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Bulgarian press reported yesterday.

The reactors at the Kozloduy plant on the Danube are to be shut down by mid-September. They will be rebuilt to agency recommendations. Two other equally outdated reactors have been shut down for repair. *(AFP)*

US judges declare house is haunted

From ASSOCIATED PRESS IN NEW YORK

AN AMERICAN appeal court has ruled that a river-front Victorian house is haunted and a prospective buyer can sue to get his deposit back.

"As a matter of law, the house is haunted," the New York state supreme court's appellate division ruled in a majority decision that reversed a lower court decision. The ruling means that Jeffrey and Patrice Stambovsky may return to court to try to get back the $32,500 (£20,060) they paid as a deposit for the house in Nyack, New York.

Mr Stambovsky, aged 38, a bond trader, said the vendor, Helen Ackley, failed to reveal the revolutionary war-era ghosts that allegedly inhabit the house when he signed the contract in August 1989.

Mrs Ackley, aged 64, former owner of the house, said her family has been seeing ghosts in the house since they moved in 24 years ago. "I feel they are very good friends," she said last year. "It's very comforting to have them around when you are by yourself."

A judge had ruled last year that caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) guides property purchases. But the appeal court declared caveat emptor less than all-encompassing, and no amount of prudent inspection by the Stambovskys would have revealed the poltergeists that are believed to occupy the 18-room house.

The Stambovskys, who lived in Manhattan's Upper East Side at the time, could not have been expected to know about the house's reputation in Nyack, Justice Israel Rubin said, writing for the majority. He also said Mrs Ackley could not have delivered a vacant house, since ghosts lived there. The Stambovskys now live about a mile from the haunted house.

Vilnius to sign Yeltsin pact

Vilnius — In a move that will strengthen Lithuania in its struggle for independence, Vytautas Landsbergis, the Baltic republic's president, is to sign a state treaty with Boris Yeltsin, his Russian counterpart, on July 29 (Anatol Lieven writes).

The bases of the treaty were drawn up in February, but signature was delayed, partly because of Russian nationalist attacks on Mr Yeltsin for allegedly "betraying the Russian minorities in the Baltic". His far stronger position after direct election as president has now made signature possible.

Autonomy vote

Prague — Parliament here empowered President Havel to call a referendum on whether Czechs and Slovaks should remain as a single state. The referendum, which could be as early as September, is seen as a way to resolve long-running disputes, in particular Slovak demands for greater autonomy. *(Reuter)*

Taiwan aid move

Taipei — Taiwan is considering giving financial aid to the Soviet Union. Vincent Siew, the economics minister, said Taiwan, whose foreign exchange reserves are among the largest in the world, might offer the aid through the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. *(Reuter)*

Asean landmark

Kuala Lumpur — Asean, the Association of South-East Asian Nations, opened a landmark meeting with the Soviet Union and China attending for the first time. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian leader, said Asean's ideological differences with the communist giants had been overcome. *(Reuter)*

UN change

Peking — The United Nations has altered its peace plan for Cambodia by agreeing that the warring factions' forces do not have to demobilise fully, diplomats here said. The decision would pave the way for talks on the issue among the four factions, particularly the Khmer Rouge and the Phnom Penh government. *(AFP)*

Gadaffi offer

Rome — Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, announced his candidacy for Italian president under a law dating from Italy's colonisation of Libya, giving Libyans the same rights as Italians. He told Italian television he intended to give power back to the Italian people. "Then I will return to Libya." *(AFP)*

Puffed out

Marseilles — Michele Zaza, aged 46, allegedly head of a Naples crime organsation, Camorra, was given a three-year jail sentence by a French court for running a cigarette-smuggling ring. However, he has a heart condition and is expected to serve the sentence in a Marseilles hospital. *(Reuter)*

News chief quits

Tokyo — Shinji Sakai, aged 71, the president of Japan's largest news agency, Kyodo, has resigned to take responsibility for a series of medical articles that a senior reporter, dismissed earlier this year, plagiarised from the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper, a Kyodo official said. *(Reuter)*

Leap in the dark

Sydney — After a six-year search, Tim Flannery, a scientist at the Australian Museum in Sydney, has found a rare black tree kangaroo living in the remote mountainous rainforests of Papua New Guinea. Tree kangaroos are normally brown or cream, and the black variety is a rarity. *(Reuter)*

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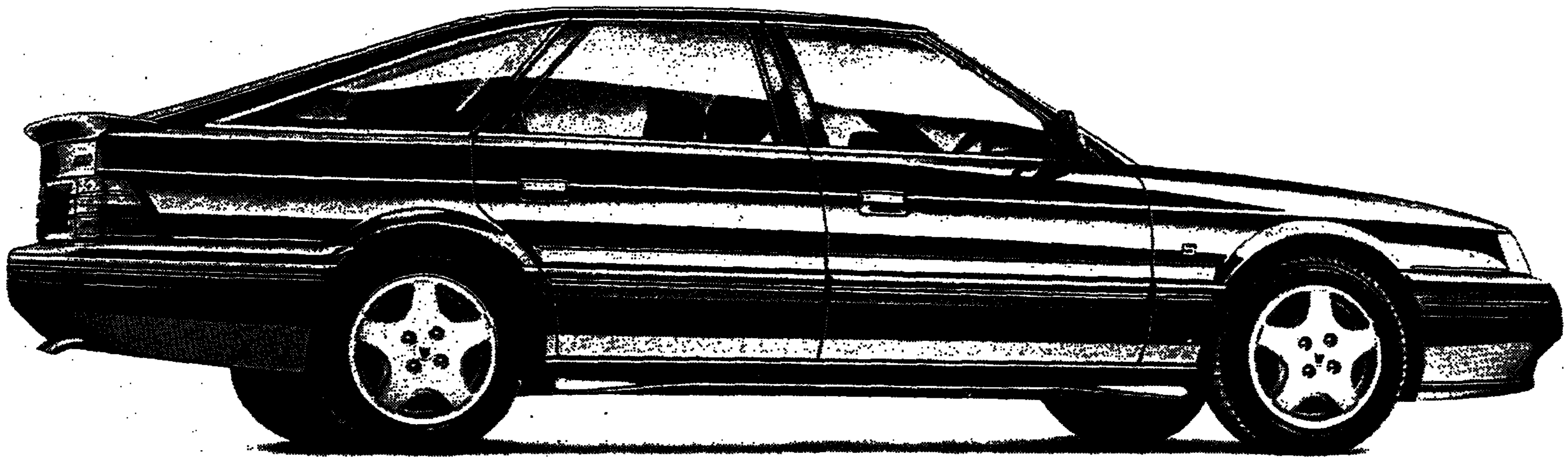

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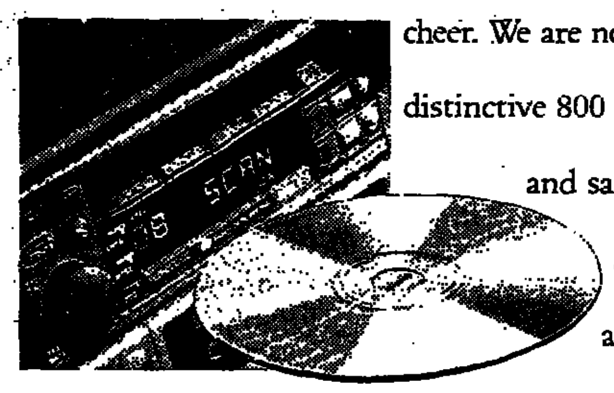

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Don't look back, said Bob Dylan. But **Charles Bremner** finds that American kids look forward to nothing as much as the '60s

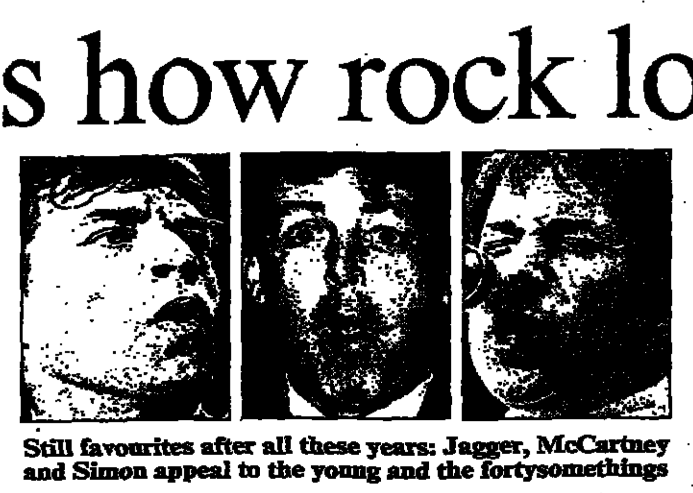
And that's how rock lost its role

On August 1, MTV will be ten years old. For many of those over the first flush of youth, it is a galling thought that America's 24-hour pop channel has notched up a decade and shows every sign of soaring on.

If the phases of your teens were defined by McCartney, Dylan, Jagger and other masters from the classical pantheon, there is only cause for lament in the ascendancy of the satellite-cable channel that has hijacked pop music and turned it into a glossy visual product with a soundtrack that sounds like the audio from a Nintendo game. MTV feeds a barrage of techno-pop to 180 million sets in America and an insatiable market from Moscow to Mexico. For much of world youth, its seductive four-minute fantasies are more powerful than cinema, soap opera or the other elements of the popular culture that brings in the biggest share of America's export earnings.

Complaining about MTV is hardly new. The first protests hit the switchboard seconds after it took to the air in 1981. Local companies in some parts of the country still deem it too lewd to relay. However, for many of the fortysomething generation, the indecency arises not so much from its tedious celebration of sex and leather, as from the way MTV and its imitators have fused pop performance with television commercials. If you grew up thinking, however misguidedly, that rock was about rebellion, then it is hard to swallow the idea that Madonna and Michael Jackson, the two greatest creatures of MTV, sing for soft-drink makers. Artistic integrity is thought not to be tainted provided the star exhibits sufficient "ironic self-awareness", the quality that seems to have replaced musical talent as the prime ingredient of stardom.

In reality, however, it is the older generation that is probably to blame for the way that rock, or pop, or whatever you call the current product of Tin Pan Alley, has has lost its way, splintering into diverse genres from gangster rap to the dour minstrelsy of Sinead O'Connor, all packaged for MTV. Pleasure and commercial consumption are about all that is left for 1990s teenagers, since their parents refuse to relinquish the anthems and attitudes of their own youth.



Still favourites after all these years: Jagger, McCartney and Simon appeal to the young and the fortysomethings

Popular music has seen nothing like the current ancestor worship for a long time. From the birth of the waltz to ragtime and jazz, innovators could get their creative juices going by scandalising their elders. The original rock and roll was "music to kill your parents with", but it is hard nowadays to shock a middle-aged father who pays £25 to go to a stadium and hear Mick belt out *Satisfaction*.

My 14-year-old daughter, like millions of young Americans, loves the Beatles and studies their lyrics in class. At her New York school it is cooler to tune into the Beach Boys than to the rappers who now top the charts. When Paul Simon played in Philadelphia the other day, teenagers who packed the arena sat silently through his adult offerings but went wild to *The Sounds of Silence* while the middle-aged suits in the expensive seats grew misty-eyed. Imagine the dissident streak it would have taken in 1968 to turn on and drop out to Glen Miller or Bing Crosby.

The rebelliousness and hip attitude that arrived with jazz, flourished in Greenwich Village, grew with rock and roll and spread to the world has now entered the mainstream so thoroughly that there is little territory left for youth to claim. Classic rock stations woo listeners by promising to play nothing younger than from later than 1975.

Grey-haired university professors lecture on rock as an art form, and headmasters quote Kerouac in their sermons; *The Wall Street Journal* employs a solemn rock critic and the late Chairman of the Republican party and presidential campaign manager, Lee Atwater, could lay down a mean riff on the rhythm-and-blues guitar.

Clarence Thomas, the newest nominee to the Supreme Court, may be a conservative, but he smoked pot at university and the White House says that was normal for the times. Rather than feeling embarrassed about the excesses of one's youth, one is encouraged to relive them. Even Detroit has got in on the act, producing big sculpted highway cruisers styled nostalgically in the manner of the post-war era. The message is "Buy the car you grew up in".

The mellowing of the middle-aged rock generation is a big part of the cautious, backward-looking mood that has if anything grown more intense since the Reagan years. The other day, *Fortune*, the business magazine that sells heavily to the Sinatra and Elvis generations, reassured its readers that, despite drugs, crime and the political correctness movement, American culture has entered a placid period that the marketers of Madison Avenue are defining as "neo-traditional". This consists of a synthesis of old values such as stability, home and family, with the personal freedoms that proliferated in the wake of the sexual revolution.

P.J. O'Rourke, the libertarian wit who writes for *Rolling Stone*, put it more bluntly. "We're back in one of those mindless periods, like the 1950s, where our pop culture actually means no more than it appears to mean. Not that it ever means much, but now it means less than usual."

While Mr McCartney may be reassured that America will almost certainly still need him when he is 64, all this does prompt some disquieting visions of the American century ending to the beat of sexagenarian rockers and the saccharine spectacles of MTV.

Clifford Longley

The Archbishop of Canterbury is firmly stamping his authority on the Church

Just under a year after the announcement of his appointment, Dr George Carey has survived his first General Synod as Archbishop of Canterbury. Whatever banana-skins he may have slipped on with his first steps, he is emerging from a year in the national limelight as a formidable and outspoken leader. The Peter Principle says that individuals in any institution tend to rise until they reach their level at which they are incompetent. Around the turn of the year, plenty of churchmen thought George Leonard Carey had done just this. Canterbury was a see too far, they muttered. He was a theological college principal who had already risen to be Bishop of Bath and Wells from his humble East End origins, and that was enough.

Much private measuring up goes on at the synod, and ecclesiastical battles can be won or lost over a beer in the bar. For an Archbishop of Canterbury, it is an ordeal by continuous exposure. Affability does not go far, and the synod can fray tempers. One moment in last week's meeting was revealing. Bishop Wilfred Wood, the Bishop of Croydon and the church's senior black clergyman, was so upset when the chairman stopped him speaking that he left the chamber in a huff. Dr Carey followed him out, and later they returned, Bishop Wood pacified. Such a fine pastoral display added to the warmth with which the synod is starting to regard Dr Carey.

The archbishop is willing to address some of the church's real problems, not just those that are easiest to waffle about. He talked learnedly, frankly and convincingly at an Anglo-Catholic conference earlier this month. Here was an avowed Evangelical offering his leadership to the other wing of the church, not by flattering or patronising it, but through understanding. He spelt out all the different ways Anglo-Catholicism is in deadly trouble, and offered it a way fowards.

No less forthright was his speech on the World Council of Churches recent assembly in Australia. "The WCC needs to be reformed, and to be reformed fast," he declared. Its structures and top-heavy "representationalism" were "bizarre". How could it be a world council if the Roman Catholic Church was not a member? But, he added, "Canberra did not help convince the Roman Catholics that they should join soon."

The Church of England is not used to such straight-talking. There has been criticism of the WCC before, deservedly, but not from bishops; and the thoughts Dr Carey put into words for the Anglo-Catholics and the WCC are usually unspoken, or muttered in corridors, or left to journalists.

Directness is good leadership, but not if it is naïve. Dr Carey's first stumbles — especially his misuse of the word "heresy" with regard to to those who opposed the ordination of women — had a bit of the country bumpkin come to town about them, which was also evident in the Archbishop of Cracow when he was elected Pope in 1978. That last step in an ecclesiastical career is often the longest of all, and there is no training for it.

The "heresy" mistake was unlearned. Yet the characteristic that is strengthening Dr Carey's primacy., most is his capacity for intellectual rigour. This is one of the gifts he thought the Roman Catholics could bring to the World Council of Churches. This means application and study, as well as knowing who to turn to for a first class brief. And it means not muddling clear thinking with false optimism.

Weekly Anglican church attendances are around 2.5 per cent of the total population (and around zero in the class from which Dr Carey comes). The first step to recovery is to admit that the Church of England's mission to the nation is in a mess.The second is to think hard, taking nothing for granted. The Church of England has tried smiling its way out of trouble, paying, hoping, even praying its way out of trouble. But its best bet was always to think its way out, starting from where it was rather than where it dreamed of being. Dr Carey is showing he has the charisma for this task too.

Prince who fell among thieves

Money means less to Sheikh Zayed than honour, pride and dignity, says **Ronald Payne**

Old Sheikh Shakbut, ruler of Abu Dhabi at the time when oil money had just begun to wash the Gulf shores, was disturbed to discover on a regular visit to the cellars where he stored his revenues that £50,000-worth of banknotes had been eaten by mice. Being a practical man, he at once suggested to his British advisers that in future banknotes should be printed on rot-proofed paper impregnated with rat-poison.

Apocryphal or not — and many Gulf stories are — this is a reminder that only 30 years ago the state was conducted as a family business by a shrewd administrator with a personal grip on finance and an intimate knowledge of the workings of his fief. The Sheikh ran the place from his office on the port. From there he could observe the comings and goings of his people, whom he always referred to as "my flock". He could also watch their import-export dhows.

Trade was conducted on gentleman's agreements. No time was wasted on foolish paperwork, and this was especially true when the popular sport of taking gold bars for "a sea voyage" involved searching for outside punters. Investors and principals knew each other, and in an economy developing from the pastoral and local into an international business, things worked well enough.

It is hardly surprising that a bank with its headquarters in the Gulf state should conduct business in a fashion which astonishes western financiers. It was considered perfectly normal, according to an official of the bank, for a bedouin chief to telephone by night and ask for 100,000 dirhams to be sent to him by car at once. In 1962, the first year of oil production, the ruler amazed the foreigners by remarking that he thought the oil companies needed money more than he did, and suggesting that they stick to pre-1950 royalty payments.

It was at this point that the British, who were the protecting power on the Gulf, decided that the patriarchs who ruled these small but increasingly important places might prudently be replaced by more worldly members of their families who were ready to learn Western ways with cashflow.

The old sheikh had kept the peace in a formerly bloodstained city-state for 38 years when his brother, the present ruler, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahmayan, succeeded him. In the Arab states the succession is rarely decided by primogeniture. Instead it is arranged in mysterious ways which have been compared to the secretive methods by which the Tory party chooses its leaders.

In the fullness of time and now aged 75 Sheik Zayed has had notoriety thrust upon him as a controller of, and a principal shareholder in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, the misdeeds of which are so exercising the international bankers. The sheikh himself is a man of complete integrity. Alas the same cannot be said of some of his courtiers.

This has come at an awkward moment. Abu Dhabi was preparing to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the sheikh's rule in August. His reign began the process of spending which turned the sheikhdom into a glittering place of boulevards and gardens, the Florida of the Near East.

The handsome bearded face of the elegant ruler is said to have clouded with rage when he heard what the Bank of England had done to BCCI. He feels that his honour is called in question by any suggestion that a financial institution in his territory might have been mixed up with drug dealers and criminals.

Arab aristocrats are particularly sensitive about such charges. Sheikh Zayed's early life was spent in the desert, where he hunted and practised falconry while moving with his camel-borne retainers on rides from one mud and wattle fort to another. These were historic desert outposts of tribal warfare. "Quite effective in their way," a British officer in the old Trucial Scouts once remarked to me, "but God help us if they come at you with water pistols."

Angry with Britain over the closure of BCCI: Sheikh Zayed

The family's wealth was measured by ownership of 400 camels and 180 horses. Quarrels were settled with small arms, and when Zayed was just 10 years old, his uncle shot his father. Soon afterwards, the uncle in turn was assassinated and Zayed's brother became ruler. His education was the traditional one of close study of Koran. Only later when he began to travel did the sheikh acquire a more general education and learn about the outside world.

The great wealth thrust upon him by the oil boom was wisely used to build schools and hospitals, and to bring peace, with the creation of the federation of United Arab Emirates. Those who know Zayed well praise his courage and his honesty, an example of which was provided when as the governor of el-Ain he became involved in the dispute with Saudi Arabia over the Buraimi oasis in 1952. At that time, and although he possessed only $100, he turned down a Saudi bribe of $80 million to relinquish rights on his territory. "The life of a millionaire exile holds no attraction for me," he declared.

They say in Abu Dhabi that Zayed lives modestly, and so he does by the standards of a state that has a per capita income among the highest in the world. Nevertheless, he has at least eight palaces, including the Beach palace which is his favourite. There is no doubt that like many Arabs brought up in the desert, he has a weakness for greenery and has indulged himself in creating fine palace gardens and in planting millions of trees, all irrigated with desalinated water.

Proud father of 21 sons, Zayed has been married many times, though he adheres strictly to the Muslim code of never having more than four wives at once. The official first lady, Sheikha Fatima, the mother of his third son, presides over the Abu Dhabi Womens' Association and receives official visitors.

Courtiers who are accustomed to address their head of state as "Great Zayed" express the horror and shame felt in the Abu Dhabi that such scandal as that caused by BCCI has descended upon them. They say that Zayed is especially offended to find that his name has been linked with drug dealers. Although his eldest son, Prince Khalifa, owns 44 per cent of the bank's shares, it is Sheikh Zayed, who will be called upon to make decisions about the its future.

In Abu Dhabi, family honour and shame are as important as the questions of financial probity in an international institution that linked Islamic custom and western commercial practice. Like his brother before him, Sheikh Zayed may believe that the first step is to prevent the mice from nibbling the banknotes.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Clock-radio alarms have much to answer for, for the waking moments of our day have a power to impress. Into the empty daybreak the first sensory stimulus carries the authority of a *muezzin* at dawn.

Soon, the taps are running, the kettle is hissing, the phone ringing and flatmates are nattering. I begin to switch off. But, just for that first minute or two, lying in bed and staring at the ceiling, I can really listen.

That is why Angela Rippon is so important in my life. For as long as I can remember, my daily curtain has risen to the sound of Angela Rippon scolding someone on the radio. Once, that person was me, but that was long ago and I am sure she's forgotten, and, anyway, she was only a *little* bit cross. These days there are different men in her life: a queue, it seems, each man waiting his turn to telephone LBC and be told, in those ice-cool tones, why he should be ashamed of himself.

On Thursday, as I awoke, it was a Mr Buxton from Barclays Bank, and Angela was jolly cross. She told him that when we were young, banking was truly personal and your bank manager was your friend. But, these days, banks are beastly and treat us like numbers.

Mr Buxton was audibly trying to get a word in, but Angela had not finished. "I don't think many of our listeners will agree with *you*," she said, and carried on. When she did let him reply, he behaved badly. He had the temerity to suggest that unhappy relationships were not always the bank's fault.

Our Angela was not letting him get away with this. She declared that listeners would not recognise Mr Buxton's description of the situation. He made one final attempt to describe Barclays' positive attitude. She cut in: "Well, I don't think that's how our *listeners* would see it," she snapped. "That's all we have time for, Mr Buxton," and she cut him off.

Next came British Rail's turn. A fearless and independent MP, she told us, called Terry Dicks, had been experiencing for himself the horrors of Network SouthEast, travelling with a tape recorder from Blackheath to Charing Cross. Now we were to hear his report. This followed.

The problem about Mr Dicks's report was that, though he is indeed a fearless and independent fellow, he was having trouble finding anything to be fearless and independent *about*. The automatic ticket machine at Blackheath worked. Bother. The platform announcements were timely, helpful and clear. Rats! And the train came in as scheduled, to the second. By now Mr Dicks's fearless and independent tones carried a hint of desperation.

Hooray! The train was crowded. People were having to stand, packed together, as they do at rush-hour everywhere else in the world. It was a disgrace. Mr Dicks asked the lady standing next to him whether she didn't agree. She did. Her weekly season ticket cost *£13.80!* Gosh. £1.97 per day for unlimited free travel between Blackheath and the West End. You and I, fellow-Midlands-taxpayers, are helping pay for this, but it was not enough for Mr Dicks. Why they didn't have longer trains, so that nobody had to stand?

"Because they wouldn't fit on the platforms," I distinctly heard another passenger grunt. He might like to know that he was joined by ten thousand listeners to LBC, in ten thousand beds across London.

Why didn't they have more trains then? Perhaps because they'd need another track, and if anyone proposed that, then fearless and independent MPs will stand shoulder-to-shoulder from Kent to Waterloo to protest, and Angela Rippon will be interviewing them.

There wasn't much else to complain about: the train arrived at Charing Cross dead on time, leaving Mr Dicks only a few moments to suggest that making passengers stand was dangerous. Try making them get off the trains because there are no seats, Mr Dicks.

Back in the studio, Angela had a man from BR whose name sounded like "Harrison Mead" (almost certainly an alias to protect his family). Perhaps her plan was to lull him into a false sense of security, for she started with a soft-glove approach, this time.

"Good morning," she said to him. "How can you live with your conscience?"

I retreated to the bathroom. Toothbrush in hand, I could just hear Angela Rippon, fearless and independent, shouting "diabolical" at him.

THE TIMES DIARY

Duke dresses down King

The Duke of Rutland is flexing his aristocratic muscles to give Lord King, a more humble life peer, a dressing down for ending British Airways donations to the Tory party.

The Duke has been president of Rutland Conservative Association for 30 years. He will pull rank on King, his vice president, in a protest on behalf of the horrified Tory constituency party. There have been murmurs of discontent over King's move. Some members are even questioning whether King, a Thatcher peer and peerless supporter of his ennobler, should continue as an officer of the association. The Duke admits that he cannot recall a bigger fuss in all the years he has run the association.

"The first I knew about it was when I saw it on the television. I could hardly believe what I was hearing. It was a surprise. Lord King did not warn me it was coming. I think it is most unfortunate and I will tell him so. It was done in a fit of pique."

The Duke, now 72, who lives at Belvoir Castle, admits that many members are unhappy as they fear the affair casts a bad light on their association. With King due back in the constituency this weekend, there was pressure in some quarters for him to write to reaffirm his personal commitment to the party. "Lord King was a staunch ally and personal friend of Mrs Thatcher. There is an element of sadness at her passing in his decision to suspend donations."

But the Duke is not planning to wield his considerable influence to strip King of his role as vice-president. "We are a united association and would like to think all our members are behind us. I am sure Lord King will regret this." When the Duke has finished with him he probably will.

● *What Jon Snow's ITN interview with Mr Gorbachev last night did not show was his off-screen flirtation with Raisa. Mrs Gorbachev was so captivated by the pallid English newsreader that Russian embassy staff were ordered to enquire into his background. "She said some flattering things about Jon, wrote down his name and all his details — and popped them into her handbag," says our man behind the idiot board. "He blushed from top to toe."*

Who pays?

When the British hostages in Baghdad were released by Saddam, they could not thank the Foreign Office enough for flying them home. Now they are being asked to demonstrate their gratitude by paying for the privilege.

Mark Lennox-Boyd, a junior minister, has sent a bill for £830 to the employers of Professor Alistair Ross, who was held hostage with his wife Margaret. They were en route to India when their plane was grounded in Kuwait four hours after the invasion. Lennox-Boyd wrote to the Polytechnic of North London insisting that Ross was an expatriate member of staff in Kuwait: "The evacuations took place in frightening and difficult circumstances. The purpose of my letter is to invite your company to contribute to the cost."

Leslie Wagner, the polytechnic's director, replied: "Far from us contributing to the government's costs, you have a responsibility to compensate us for the loss we have incurred due to the government's negligence. Why was a civilian airliner allowed to land in Kuwait while an invasion was taking place?" Supply staff cost £14,000. "I invite you to contribute to these costs," says Wagner's letter. The FO has not replied.

Slo progress

As Slovenia moves towards independence, its supporters are making plans for a London embassy already. Volunteers at the Slovene crisis centre in Regent Street are scouring the capital for suitable premises. Jana Valencic, a spokesman, says: "One of our priorities when we have established independence will be to open an embassy in London. It will be called Slovenia House."

The Slovene information office, a quasi-embassy, has already established links with the Foreign Office, and is talking, perhaps prematurely, about Slovenia joining the EC and the United Nations. "But we are amateurs in this business and will need financial help and training from the West."

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The fledgling state is already well placed in London. It has its own bank in the City (the Ljubljana Banka), and its airline, Adria, already flies between London and the Slovene capital, Ljubljana. Though sympathetic, the Foreign Office is not encouraging. "They seem to have put the cart before the horse."

If an embassy does open will its first ambassador be British? Keith Miles, British born and bred but Slovene by marriage, is the self-styled "honorary consul" of the information office. "I would be delighted and honoured to become Slovenia's first honorary ambassador to Britain," he says.

● *The Society for Psychical Research has just moved to new premises: above a funeral parlour. That ought to reduce commuting distances from the other side.*

Gilt edged

The Roxburghe Club, one of the most exclusive bibliophile groups in the world, has admitted its second woman member. Lady Kisty Hesketh beat Kenneth Baker and William Waldegrave in a ballot for the vacancy caused by the death of Viscount De L'Isle. The club, which has 40 members, was founded in 1812, on the eve of the sale of the library of John, Duke of Roxburghe, one of the greatest collections of the period.

Lady Hesketh does not collect classic literature: "I collect moveable toy books. Most date from the Victorian era, many of them from Germany." Traditionally, new members present copies of a work, edited in a limited edition for the other members, who presently include the Duke of Norfolk and the inimitable former Warden of All Souls, John Sparrow.

Lady Eccles, the only other woman, collects books by and about Dr Johnson. Lady Hesketh says: "I am still surprised they asked me. Perhaps they wanted to me to keep Lady Eccles company."

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MAJOR'S COMING OF AGE

Another week has passed in the everyday life of a world statesman, and a most satisfying one for John Major. Britain's prime minister can still look the nervous *ingênu* but he is acting with growing assurance. Chairing the Western economic summit and orchestrating the bizarre affair of President Gorbachev's visit were not for beginners in the game of statesmanship. Mr Major knew that each grandee would be comparing him with his predecessor. He had to ensure that the G7 show went without hitch, that something of substance emerged from it, that Mr Gorbachev was not sent away humiliated and that he, Mr Major, was not outshone in the charisma stakes.

He scored well. Political leadership demands many qualities, but it rests fundamentally on an ability to project character. Mr Major will always be a colourless figure, often banal of expression and modest of demeanour. But the past week has shown that he and his team know how to turn these qualities to advantage, to exploit other strengths, of common sense, niceness and firm chairmanship. The summit was excellently organised. Mr Major impressed all comers by his brisk efficiency. If such gatherings must be held — and their extravagance and frequency should be questioned — then Britain showed it could do them well.

But Mr Major showed himself more than just a polished impresario. He pushed his views on reforming the United Nations as part of the "new world order" and on Gatt. If the final communique was bland, Mr Major at least understood that summits are for breaking logjams rather than reinforcing them. By contrast, the French and Germans seemed stolid and unimaginative. He must now follow through. As G7 chairman, Mr Major will have the job of maintaining collective momentum on topics as wide-ranging as arms limitation, nuclear proliferation, containing Iraq, farm trade reform, aid and Eastern Europe. Britain's new, amenable style in foreign relations, while worrying to some, at least delivered a smooth diplomacy. The contrast with Margaret Thatcher could not be greater.

Much harder was responding to Mr Gorbachev's gatecrashing. The West had to ensure that Mr Gorbachev did not go away with his pockets stuffed with Western money to waste, much as some other Europeans might have wished it. Yet humiliation had equally to be avoided. The West's complicated strategy of treating Mr Gorbachev both as key to the Soviet Union's problem and as key to the solution of this problem had to be maintained amid a flurry of bilaterals, plenaries, press conferences and background briefings.

The outcome was a diplomatic coup. A bitter Mr Gorbachev left London yesterday privately disappointed, but a dazzled media and thus a dazzled world were assured that he had been welcomed to the community of the rich and powerful and been sent back to continue his good work. He thus had a powerful incentive to make the most of the modest promises of future help he received. He could demonstrate to his critics that he had neither been defeated nor made to look a beggar, yet he could take no comfort that the West would bail him out or treat him as a full partner in whatever club the G7 really is.

Mr Major comprehended the subtleties of the Soviet leader's dilemma. Almost nothing was promised. By yesterday even the expected troupe of British ministers travelling east that was promised on Thursday had become more tentative. Yet an important task was accomplished. The ascendancy that Mrs Thatcher established in world councils by her strength of personality was sustained by her successor, by his contrasting good sense and firm purpose. Mr Major may be new to the job, but there is no reason why the "special relationship" with Mr Gorbachev forged by Mrs Thatcher should not be continued, albeit on a new basis. Britain has given the nations of G7 a worthy leader.

PUTTING THE VICTIMS FIRST

The dependence of charities on international publicity to arouse public compassion is a source of anguish to most of them. Each celebrity concert, each picture of a starving child brings in the life-saving donations. Each engrains in the public the weary conviction that these are countries beyond hope. That is the meaning of compassion fatigue.

In her report on her recent trip to Sudan, published in *The Times* today, Glenys Kinnock makes a rational case for long-term development assistance. But it is her horror, at what she saw in Sudan, her commonplace reminder that "the losers are always the ordinary people," which sticks in the mind, and which will bring cheques to Unicef, on whose behalf she went. She is right to lend herself to this life-and-death battle for publicity. Where the media will not or, as in Sudan, often cannot go, then celebrities are the victims' last resort.

Millions of Sudanese are in jeopardy, possibly up to seven million, though official obstruction, lack of access to many areas and civil war make accurate estimates impossible. The question now is whether deaths will be in the thousands, or tens of thousands. This was predicted last October, but large-scale aid was delayed for nearly six months thanks to the international convention that sovereign states must first launch an appeal. The government of General Omar Hassan al-Bashir refused until February to admit that relief was urgent. Even now, the Sudanese authorities ban the word famine. Yet from drought-stricken Darfur in the northwest to the marooned garrison towns of the wartorn south even the wild roots and berries have been eaten.

Mrs Kinnock calls attention to transport bottlenecks which prevent the shipments now arriving in Port Sudan from reaching those in need. But it is politics that causes or compounds the difficulty of delivering food aid in a country the size of Western Europe with poor roads, a collapsed transport infrastructure and an acute shortage of diesel fuel. The charities have to pay such extortionist exchange rates that a spare tyre costs £1,000 and have such difficulties with visas, travel permits and permits to hire local labour that some have suspended operations in despair.

The UN is not immune. Operation Lifeline, which allowed food to cross from government-held to rebel areas, has been suspended for a year because neither side will agree on delivery points. At the London summit, the G7 agreed on "the need to reinforce UN relief in coping with emergencies", with a high-level official to direct emergency operations. That has now been done for Africa, in the person of a UN under-secretary-general, James Jonah, the man who persuaded the Sudanese government in February to admit the need for relief.

In this battle against time, he now needs authority to call on governments to provide military units to repair bridges, trucks and railway engines and, if necessary, to protect food convoys. Military units were used in the last famine in 1985. Such is the urgency that if Sudan objects, Britain and the US may have to overcome their reluctance to override the sovereign right of governments to let their people starve.

Any Security Council order should include an embargo on all arms shipments to Sudan, which continues to spend £600,000 a day on fighting an unwinnable eight-year-old civil war. Under resolution 688 on Iraq, the UN ruled that there are limits to the monstrosities governments may inflict on their people without inviting temporary infringements of their sovereignty for humanitarian purposes. If that precedent is followed, ugly regimes may think twice about letting people die unnecessarily. A new, much tougher approach is needed for famines caused by callous governments.

PARKS ARE FOR PEOPLE

When Kubla Khan in Xanadu a stately pleasure-dome decreed, he scarce could have guessed it would come to this. To girdle with walls and towers "twice five miles of fertile ground" is considerably less than English monarchs achieved with a few gates and walls around the cows and deer that grazed in London's royal parks. But modern pressures have chipped and chiselled at what Pitt the Elder called "the lungs of London".

Parks are the lungs of any city but pleasure domes such as indoor swimming pools and football stadia have encroached on many of Britain's green urban landscapes. London's royal parks are protected by statute. Yet statutes may, by Act of Parliament, be weakened. A slice of Hyde Park was surrendered to widen Park Lane. Coaches are now allowed to stop on the park's fringe. Much of Regent's Park has been seized by government depots and by the London Zoo. Other bits have been shamefully developed by the Crown Estate.

The announcement this week by Michael Heseltine that the management of the royal parks will be privatised next year is no cause for alarm, though the announcement itself was mishandled. Environment department officials wanted to separate the management decision, mostly concerned with horticulture. from the minister's announcement of a review panel to examine the future of the parks. Mr Heseltine decided to announce both at once, with the unintended result that the publicity went to union complaints about job losses.

The review is what matters. This is in the hands of Dame Jennifer Jenkins, who at the National Trust resisted any tendency to treat the landscape as a site for amenity rather than as an amenity in itself. At issue is the balance between what a park provides naturally and what can be added without despoiling it. This year the royal parks will cost £20.2 million, of which £17.7 million is voted by Parliament. Revenues provide the balance. Efficient management is needed. But economic pressure for the introduction of more "amenities" is minimal, other than from the zoo and the tourist industry.

Often scale is the problem. Few would want to remove the traditional bandstand, but what of grandstands? Ironically, the *bandstand* in Kensington Gardens is in such disrepair that it is unusable, yet on July 30 in Hyde Park Luciano Pavarotti will give a concert which means closing the park for the occasion to the non-*aficionado*. The same park is often covered in commercial marquees at weekends. How often, if at all, should this be acceptable?

Dame Jennifer is known to oppose the theme park approach. She will be conscious that the use of a great park for specific, large events is an intrusion on its central purpose, which is to offer escape, repose and the enjoyment of a semi-natural habitat. Sir George Young, the housing and planning minister, initiated the review and is said to be in favour of "enlivening" the royal parks. If that can be achieved through small-scale activity, such as field trips and manageable musical events, the symbiosis between the people and their parks will be maintained and enhanced. As with the environment itself, that relationship is a fragile one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Human side to proposed defence cuts

From the President of the Royal British Legion

Sir, The strategic and regimental implications of the proposed reduction in the armed forces have been covered by others (June 25, 28; July 3, 9, 10, 13, 16), but so far no one has raised the serious human implications.

Society has the right to vary the level of security it wishes to enjoy and hence the level of its forces. However society has an obligation to ensure that those who devoted their careers to its defence and are now redundant are reassimilated into society under the best possible conditions, conditions which uphold the serviceman's self-respect and demonstrate society's recognition of his contribution to its defence. Provision must go beyond simple redundancy payments and embrace help with housing and job-finding.

History does not fill me with confidence that this will happen. Traditionally the nation pays a handful of folk to do the nation's fighting so that the bulk of society *can continue its routine undisturbed* by unpleasantness. When society is frightened nothing is too good for the services; as fear recedes and complacency takes over the services become second-class citizens or are conveniently forgotten. This unfortunate characteristic of our society can certainly be traced back to Marlborough's day.

For many of the 60,000 leaving the services in the next few years the difficulties of finding a job will be compounded by serving abroad and having no home to go to. Frequent changes of station make home ownership difficult and successive governments have failed to support any form of assisted house purchase. All this bears heavily on the wife as well.

I hope employers will ponder the debt owed to these servicemen and their value to society. I also hope the government has taken all this into consideration and will moderate Treasury frugality accordingly.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD BURGESS, President,
The Royal British Legion,
48 Pall Mall, SW1.
July 16.

Value for money from new ships

From Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse

Sir, The letter (July 16) from the editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships* on the order rate for new ships is apposite. Your leading article (July 10) criticised the recently published defence white paper for "conceding admirals their demands for ever more sophisticated and expensive ships". As a former controller of the navy who still takes a keen interest in procurement matters, I find your observation surprising for a number of reasons.

It is, of course, true that ships are getting more and more capable — and that is how it should be. Technology is advancing rapidly across all frontiers and it is essential that RN ships should incorporate the most up-to-date developments. It would be a questionable use of taxpayers' money if the Royal Navy settled for new ships which were not capable of coping with the modern maritime threat.

But more sophisticated does not necessarily mean more expensive. The new Type 23 frigate, for example, though more capable than its predecessors, is significantly cheaper in real terms. Sensible MoD procurement policies such as batch-ordering and competitive tendering have helped reduce prices by about 25 per cent, resulting in RN ships being markedly cheaper than comparable ships of other navies.

As for running costs, technology has allowed the service to reduce markedly ships' complements from 260 in the case of an older frigate to 170 in the new Type 23 frigate. This reduction has resulted in considerable savings in running costs without in any way affecting operational capability.

Yours faithfully,
FIELDHOUSE,
House of Lords.
July 16.

From Mr Peter J. Freeman

Sir, The planned reductions in the army have aroused much controversy, but despite the lip-service paid to mobility and flexibility there is little real sign of giving up the continental strategy which has distorted British defence planning for 40 years.

Although the central front has now gone and future threats are likely to be unpredictable and widely dispersed, the government is also cutting the very naval and air forces which would allow our forces to be more mobile and flexible.

To fund the amphibious warfare ships which have been promised other naval forces (for example, mine-counter measures) are being cut to the bone. The real fudging lies not in building these ships but in failing to abandon a continental strategy when the continental threat has disappeared.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. FREEMAN,
21 Clarkson Road, Cambridge.
July 11.

Honouring Wellington

From the Director of the National Army Museum

Sir, It is good of Mr Cust (July 16) to mention the National Army Museum's new permanent gallery entitled "The Road to Waterloo: The British Army and the Struggle against Revolutionary and Napoleonic France 1793-1815", which the present Duke of Wellington kindly opened just before Christmas. It is, however, disconcerting to read of the suggestion that the gallery should now be closed and moved elsewhere.

Apsley House has quite a different function to that of the NAM, which exists under the terms of our royal charter to promote public interest in the history and traditions of the British army. This is in large part done by telling "the story of the army" in chronological sequence and "The Road to Waterloo" is the first to open under our permanent gallery refurbishment programme.

When the latter has been completed, it will be possible to contrast the campaigns of Wellington with those of, say, Marlborough or Slim. The interests of our visitors would not be served if this gallery, dealing with the Iron Duke's campaigns, was ripped out and moved to other premises.

Knowing how rumours start to circulate, please let me assure your readers that the popular "Road to Waterloo" permanent gallery at the NAM will remain very much open, with free admission, and is indeed the basis of this museum's current advertising campaign on the London Underground.

Yours faithfully,
IAN G. ROBERTSON, Director,
National Army Museum,
Royal Hospital Road,
Chelsea, SW3.
July 17.

Abortion pill

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, Your correspondents write from the Birth Control Trust (July 9) about the newly available "abortion pill". Is there an implication that "abortion" is just another form of "birth control"?

Some of the difficulties we have been having in this field, for instance in considering last year's human fertilisation and embryology bill, come, I believe, from this now too usual assimilation of the prevention of conception with the extinction of commenced human life.

Roman Catholics have long seen contraception as a form of abortion and therefore wrong; many non-Catholics have seen abortion as a form of contraception and therefore all right.

Result: confusion. These are not the same kind of thing and the philosophers among the Birth Control *Trust signatories should have shewn* they are aware of the difference.

Yours etc.,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2.
July 9.

Farming reforms

From Mr Gerald Osborne

Sir, In your leader ("The Gatt test", July 15) you berate John Gummer for denouncing the MacSharry plan, saying Britain "is not prepared to face down its own rural barons who gain disproportionately" from the common agricultural policy.

Why is there always the assumption that two one-man farms are more worthy of support than one two-man farm? I am an arable and dairy farmer employing six full-time members of staff as well as the services of local contractors, engineers, agronomists, feed companies, etc. I fully support the need for reform of the CAP.

However, it should not be replaced by a system which will jeopardise the livelihood of all these people within an efficient rural structure, while pouring money into very small part-time continental farms at a far greater cost on the budget than the present system.

John Gummer is right to oppose it.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD OSBORNE,
Lawn Farm, Milton Lilbourne,
Pewsey, Wiltshire.

Post haste

From Mr John Mackay

Sir, Your correspondents (July 5, 10, 12) might be interested to know the Royal Mail's reasoning behind the allocation of post codes and post towns.

We split the UK into 120 postcode areas which cover large sections of the country. Post codes enable letters to go through our sorting system much faster. In some cases the areas incorporate several sizeable towns.

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Inevitably there are places which fall on the edge of these boundaries and in such cases customers may actually be closer to the centre of one area than another, which they may regard as "local".

We realise that occasionally local loyalties may be upset, but wherever they live, your readers can be assured that all postal addresses are carefully worked out to give customers in all parts of the country the best possible service.

This is reflected in a recent independent survey which revealed that Britain's Royal Mail is the fastest and most reliable postal service in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
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Improving the quality of justice

From the Chairman of the General Council of the Bar

Sir, I would like to reply briefly to your imaginative editorial headed "Unjudicious language" (July 11). I believe that the "unjudicious language" is more descriptive of your editorial than of Lord Lane's speech.

There was nothing in Lord Lane's speech which has not been said by the Bar Council and, I believe, the Law Society for several years. The problems are real and if addressed will improve the quality of justice for everyone.

Any litigant in a serious case deserves to have it tried by a High Court judge rather than by an ordinary member of the Bar doing a bit of public duty in between cases.

The only power the Lord Chancellor has to use deputy judges is as a temporary measure. At the present time 58 per cent of those trying the non-jury cases and chambers work in the High Court are deputies. Next term 100 per cent deputies will be required to do this work. The public should be aware of this. A wage increase for those acting as deputies *does not meet the problem.*

More judicial discipline is required to control long criminal cases which are proliferating. In such cases judges do not have any help whilst the lawyers involved have huge teams and the physical and mental strain involved in working on such a case is enormous. This is surely a matter deserving of concern as sooner or later an injustice will result.

No one listening to the speech (or reading it later) could have taken it as being a criticism of the Lord Chancellor personally. It was a criticism of a policy which permits this to happen. Justice is not just a matter of getting cases completed: it is a matter of trying to get the correct result. The quality of justice depends on the quality of those involved in the system.

All Lord Lane was doing was to seek to gain some priority in the obtaining of resources and in this desire I am sure he has the support of the entire legal profession whether or not they are members of the government.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SCRIVENER,
Chairman,
The General Council of the Bar,
11 South Square, Gray's Inn, WC1.
July 12.

From his Honour Judge Main, QC

Sir, Because of the acute shortage of Queen's Bench judges of which the Lord Chief Justice complains (report, July 11) I am now sitting here "as a judge of the High Court" and not in the county court where I belong. The cases which I am trying are those expressly regarded as more appropriate for trial in the High Court than in the county court.

Although I am often referred to as a "deputy" I do not have the expectations of promotion referred to in your leading article. I am doing my best, but I think that the present-day High Court litigant is entitled to something better; and the former High Court litigant whose case has been transferred to the county court might prefer me to be there.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MAIN,
Royal Courts of Justice,
Strand, WC2.
July 12.

From Mr J. S. Heath

Sir, The High Court, district and county court registries are and have been for some time understaffed to cope with the volume of work they have to deal with. District judges (formerly district registrars) are also grossly overworked. The resultant delays are the fault neither of the system nor of the lawyers but of the Treasury's refusal properly to finance the administration of justice. It appears that the Treasury has forgotten (if it ever knew) that justice delayed is justice denied.

Yours faithfully,
J. STANLEY HEATH,
Stanley Heath & Co (solicitors),
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July 11.

Synod and Nestlé

From the Secretary-General of the General Synod of the Church of England

Sir, Mr Peter Blackburn, chairman and managing director of Nestlé, writes (July 18) that the decision of the General Synod to call for a boycott of Nescafé was taken without "an adequate attempt to hear the company's side of this complex issue".

In such a situation our rules of procedure do not allow for a company spokesman to address the synod and present its case. Neither do those of the House of Commons, on which the synod's rules are loosely based. But the synod was aware of the company's position.

When it was known that the motion from Leicester diocese which called for the boycott would be debated at York, I informed the headquarters of the company in Geneva and circulated to the synod a company policy statement which I received in reply. The company itself subsequently sent material to all synod members. Nor was the debate at York a foregone conclusion: there were those who opposed the motion, although they were in a minority as the eventual vote showed.

Mr Blackburn concludes his letter by expressing his resentment at what he sees as an attack on the moral integrity of his company and its employees. In passing its motion the synod was not attacking the probity of any of those employees. It was questioning the policy of the Nestlé company. It is that on which the synod's motion invites Mr Blackburn to focus his attention.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP MAWER,
Secretary-General,
The General Synod of the Church of England,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, SW1.
July 18.

United at Stansted

From Mr Cyril Murphy

Sir, Your Comment article in the business section of July 16 implied that United Airlines' desire to serve Stansted was an opportunistic move in the supposed battle between US and UK airlines. You suggested that the UK must seek something in return for allowing United to commence this service.

As we understand it, however, Stansted was built by private-sector investment with two objectives: to relieve congestion at London airports and to maintain London's position as the premier aviation gateway in Europe.

United will, if permitted, improve consumer choice in flying to the US, bring economic growth to the Stansted area, and act as a major catalyst in alleviating congestion at Heathrow and developing the traffic at Stansted that will justify the investment in the new airport facility.

Why should the UK seek to jeopardise the goals for which the investment was made, in circumstances where no British firm is prepared to commit to development of long-haul routes at Stansted?

United, on the other hand, is prepared to commit to daily service from O'Hare airport, Chicago. It is hard to imagine a more attractive candidate to fulfil the promise of Stansted as a major contributor to the long-term success of British transportation policy.

Yours etc.,
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July 18.

One-parent families

From Dr Adrian R. Rogers

Sir, On the tragic matter of one-parent families, F. Hart (July 17) ponders the future ahead for these babies of the 1990s.

Much is already known — evidence shows that where there is illegitimacy and single parenthood compared with children of married partners then the childhood mortality is higher, the abuse rate is higher and the educational performance and intellectual development and school achievement is lower.

In the United States absence of a father is clearly associated with criminal and delinquent behaviour, and one study showed that this was almost the sole parental factor relating to the acquisition of a criminal record by age 20.

Single parenthood with its attendant misery, deprivation and poverty is probably the greatest social problem of our time. It should clearly be a matter not just of public concern but of government action.

It is a sad but inevitable conclusion that by seeking to support the less fortunate members of society we have actually encouraged and funded the growth of this epidemic.

It follows that only radical support for family life with measures to encourage traditional family life and discourage adultery and easy divorce will even begin to turn this tide of misery and suffering.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROGERS,
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Trews Weir Reach,
Exeter,
Devon.
July 17.

In the shade

From Lord Beaumont

Sir, Your report today on President Gorbachev's visit to Parliament perpetuates the misconception caused by romantic novelists whose heros have tea in the sunshine on the terrace of the House of Commons.

The sun, Sir, goes off the terrace at noon (GMT) and the famous strawberries and cream are always consumed in shade.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BEAUMONT,
40 Elms Road, SW4.
July 19.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 19: His Excellency the Hon Manuel T. Yan was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Philippines to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Edmundo Libid (Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul General), Mrs Estrella Beringuel (Minister-Counsellor), Mr Ernesto Casuro (First Secretary and Consul), Captain Augusto Enriquez (Armed Forces Attaché), Mr Narciso Castaneda (Second Secretary and Consul), Miss Saleda Ileto (Commercial Attaché), Mr Eduardo Jarque (Tourism Attaché) and Miss Julieta Posadas (Cultural Attaché). Mrs Yan was received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Mr Philip Bouraga and Mrs Bouraga were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Papua New Guinea in London. Mr Douglas Gordon (British High Commissioner to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana) and Mrs Gordon were received by The Queen.

Mr Harold Brown was received by The Queen when her Majesty presented him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature, attended a dinner at Wadhurst Park, Wadhurst, East Sussex. Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Astor (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Mrs Gorbachev and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 19: This morning The Princess Royal, Patron, Home Farm Trust, opened the new Satellite House, Springwell House, Royds Lane, Rothwell, Leeds and was received by Lieutenant-Commander D A Crockett (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron XVIth Universiade, attended the World Student Games, Sheffield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Neill).

Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, this afternoon opened the Sports and Leisure Centre at Sandwich. Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 19: The Prince of Wales received the Right Hon Timothy Renton, MP (Minister for the Arts) at Kensington Palace. His Royal Highness received Baroness Blatch (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Environment) at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales attended the opening concert of the 1991 Henry Wood Promenade Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7. Lieutenant-Commander Robert Fraser, RN was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today undertook engagements in Cheshire. Her Royal Highness visited the Cheshire College of Agriculture, Reaseheath, Nantwich, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport). The Princess opened the Milking Parlour and Viewing Gallery.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon opened Wyvern House, the Headquarters Offices of Vale Royal Borough Council, Winsford. Her Royal Highness later visited the Jodrell Bank Science Centre and Aboretum. The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 19: The Duchess of Kent, Chancellor, today presided at Congregations for the Conferment of Degrees at the University of Leeds. Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 19: Princess Alexandra this morning visited Orleans Infants School, St Margarets, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening took the Salute at a performance of The Royal Tournament at Earls Court. Rear Admiral Sir John Gariner was in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant S. Bankier, RN and Sub-Lieutenant K.F. Sutcliffe, WRNS
The engagement is announced between Stewart, second son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Bankier, of Ferrieshaw Farm, Cleland, Lanarkshire, and Kathryn Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Sutcliffe, of Baildon, West Yorkshire.

Professor G.H. Broadbent and Miss G.N. Camino Maldonado
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, husband of the late Mrs Barbara Broadbent, of Southsea, Hampshire, and Gloria, only daughter of Mr Guillermo Camino and Mrs Juanita Maldonado de Camino, of Cusco, Perú.

Captain D.A.J. Brown and Miss S.D. Rucker
The engagement is announced between Captain David Brown, The Gloucestershire Regiment, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Brown, of Godalming, Surrey, and Sophia Damaris, youngest daughter of the late J.P.C. Rucker and of Mrs H.C. Moule, and stepdaughter of Mr H.C. Moule, of Compton Abbas, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Mr J.A. Corcoran and Miss D.K. Boothroyd
The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.J. Corcoran, of Brisbane, Queensland, and Kate, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Boothroyd, of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Mr N.J.A. Edgar and Miss A.J. Roe
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ashley Edgar, of Linton, Cambridgeshire, and Alexia, daughter of Mr and Mrs David A. Roe, of Chelsea, London, SW3.

Mr J.F. Howard and Miss S.B. Day
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Joan Howard and the late Adrian Howard, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Sharon, daughter of Larry and Catherine Day, of Eden, New York, America.

Mr P.Y.R. Loustric and Miss P.L. Gent
The engagement is announced between Pierre, younger son of M and Mme Jacques Loustric, of Perpignan, France, and Penelope, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Gent, of North Cheriton, Somerset.

Mr M.J. Pearse and Miss S.O. Figgis
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs G.W.K. Pearse, of East Taphouse, Cornwall, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.St J.H. Figgis, of Barnes, London.

Mr S.H. Redfern and Miss S.E. Cracroft
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr and Mrs John Redfern, of Swanland, Hull, and Sophie, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs Hugh Cracroft, of Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R.H.W. Robson and Dr L.L.J. Howe
The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr C.H.W. Robson, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs Susannah Robson, of Holland Park, London, and Lucy, daughter of the late Mr and Dr Colin Howe.

Mr H.J.A. Stanford and Miss A.F.S. Revell
The engagement is announced between Henry Julian Aglionby, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Stanford, of The Old Rectory, Tendring, Essex, and Anne Frances Sheridan, daughter of Group Captain J.D.T. Revell, CBE, and Mrs Revell, of The White House, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

Marriages

Mr A.S. Baring and Miss K.K. Ackland
The marriage took place in Gibraltar, on July 11, between Anthony Baring, elder son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Baring, and Kirsty Ackland, youngest daughter of Joss and Rosemary Ackland.

Mr H. Griffiths and Miss C. Scott
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 13, at St Georges Church, Brockworth, Cheltenham, of Mr Hugh Griffiths, son of Mr and Mrs Tom Griffiths, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Miss Charlotte Scott, daughter of Mrs Helen Scott, of Camberley, Surrey. Mr Wyn Griffiths was best man.

The couple will be on honeymoon in Switzerland.

Appointments

Sir Antony Acland to be a trustee of the National Portrait Gallery.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Guinea Pig Club, will attend a dinner at the Felbridge Hotel, East Grinstead, at 7.30 to mark its 50th anniversary.

The Prince of Wales, as Chancellor of the University of Wales, will confer honorary degrees at the University College of North Wales, Bangor, at 10.05; and, as Patron of Music in Country Churches, will attend a concert at Stoke-by-Nayland Church, Suffolk, at 8.00.

The Duke of York will attend the Open Golf Championship at the Royal Birkdale golf club, Southport, at 11.30 and will present The Duke of York Trophies to winners of the Golf Foundation Age Group Championships.

The Princess Royal, as President of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs, will attend the national council meeting at the NFU Mutual Insurance Society headquarters in Stratford-upon-Avon at 10.35.

TOMORROW: The Princess of Wales, as Honorary President of the Federation Cup, will attend the opening ceremony at University Park, Nottingham, at 3.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Catering Corps, will attend the Corps Sunday at the Garrison Church, Aldershot, at 11.25.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTOPHER MONK

Christopher Monk, maker and player of early wind instruments, died on July 17 aged 69. He was born on December 28, 1921.

Christopher Monk with the anaconda, largest of the serpent family

CHRISTOPHER Monk was one of that, alas, dwindling number of dedicated founding fathers of the early music movement. He both made and played the instruments of the ancient cornett family (not to be confused with the modern cornet). But the apogee of his achievement was undoutedly the serpent, that sinuous and largest member of the family, which in former times graduated from accompanying hymns in church to the military band. Monk was a fine craftsman and player. But he retained a pleasantly whimsical — indeed almost iconclastic — approach to his instruments, their history and to performance. Nevertheless in the hands of Monk and two like-minded colleagues, the reedy tones of the first serpent trio of modern times were to be heard in places as far apart in spirit as the châteaux of France, London Zoo and the American Deep South.

Christopher William Monk's parents were both missionaries and he was born in Delhi. After Twyford School and Repton he spent 14 months in hospital with osteomyelitis before continuing his education at University College School, Hampstead, and reading history at Lincoln College, Oxford, from 1940 to 1944. At this time he also studied trumpet with George Eskdale, principal with the London Symphony Orchestra. This experience came to affect the whole of his future life and work.

After Oxford he taught at Pocklington School, Yorkshire, and then moved to St Edmund's, Hindhead, Surrey, close to the base of the Dolmetsch family's historic performing and instrument-making activities at Haslemere. He soon succumbed to the lure of what was subsequently to be known as The Early Music Movement.

He developed skills as a craftsman and made early wind instruments himself, eventually settling at Churt, Surrey where he had his workshop. In 1955 he finished his first cornettino, a cross between a woodwind and brass instrument believed not to have been previously made since the 18th century. Soon afterwards he gave the first broadcast in the United Kingdom on the cornetto, a larger version of the cornettino. In 1961, by now an authority in his field, he contributed the chapter on "The Older Brass Instruments" to *Musical Instruments through the Ages*, edited by Anthony Baines.

Monk interested others in these early instruments and was able to give them the chance to play them. By making cornettini from resin, he and Len Ward, one of his collaborators, produced them relatively cheaply, so that those of modest means could experience the satisfaction of playing early music on the right instruments.

But he became best known for his serpents. These were always made of traditional materials but he invested in modern machinery which enabled them to be produced at a reasonable price. During the 1980s he designed sackbuts, forerunner of the trombone, and natural trumpets (without valves) subsequently made by Frank Tomes, another collaborator.

The serpent, that most bizarre of lip-reed instruments, appealed to his sense of humour. In 1967, with Andrew van der Beek and Alan Lumsden, he appeared for the first time in public with The London Serpent Trio. This unique ensemble spread the awareness of its instrument throughout the United Kingdom, Europe, and, during three tours, the United States where Monk was the dedicatee of the first International Serpent Festival held in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1989.

He himself was the driving force behind the Serpent Celebration held in London the following year. Marking the instrument's 400th anniversary, the climax was a remarkable concert in St John's, Smith Square, on July 13, 1990, in which 58 serpentists from all over the world participated.

A more tangible memorial remains in his portrait by June Mendoza, RA, exhibited at Mall Galleries, London, in 1986. Here Monk is seen relaxing as a country gentleman in the formal dress familiar from his appearances with the trio; his faithful companion in the picture is, of course, the inevitable serpent.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and their son and three daughters.

DAVID MacDOUGALL

David Mercer MacDougall, CMG, colonial secretary in Hong Kong from 1946 to 1949, has died aged 86. He was born in Perth on December 8, 1904.

DAVID MacDougall was one of the architects of Hong Kong's post-war development. He was instrumental in the smooth restoration of British administration following Japan's wartime occupation of the colony and the ending of some less benign aspects of British colonial rule such as racial discrimination in housing.

Inspired by Joseph Conrad's novels of the East, he went to the colony as a cadet — as administrative officers were then called — in 1928 after graduating at St Andrews. His understanding of the Chinese, particularly the Cantonese who made up the majority of the colony's population, quickly won him many friends among them.

When Hong Kong was overrun by the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941 MacDougall — by now seconded to the British Ministry of Information — escorted Admiral Chan Chak, the senior Chinese officer in the colony, in a daring escape. The launch in which the escape was made came under heavy fire and MacDougall was shot in the shoulder but the group managed to swim to the mainland and continued to Chungking. MacDougall was then flown back to London where the bullet was removed from his shoulder.

After a period at the Colonial Office in London he was seconded to the British embassy in Washington and in 1943 served as director of the British political warfare mission in San Francisco. In September 1944, as Britain prepared to recover Hong Kong, MacDougall was made head of the Hong Kong planning unit. When Japan surrendered suddenly in August 1945 he was rushed off to head the colony's civil administration with the rank of brigadier, under Rear-Admiral Cecil Harcourt.

Working closely with Harcourt, the governor and commander in chief, and Sir Francis Festing, the army commander, MacDougall had the vital task of restoring civilian life. Against all odds, he persuaded the Chinese nationalist resistance forces to disarm, ensured that the Chinese communist guerrillas kept the peace, and organised supplies to feed the people who had been reduced from two million to 450,000 by starvation under the Japanese occupation. In those hectic days he not only managed to put Hong Kong back on her feet more quickly than any other Far Eastern colony, but he also worked out a general outline for a new style of government for the colony to meet the requirements of the post-war era. Looking into the future he also fought hard to give the Hong Kong people "a fuller and more responsible share" in their own government. He saw the shadow of 1997 looming beyond the horizon and wanted to strengthen the local people's hand in facing up to it.

The restoration of civil government in Hong Kong under Governor Sir Mark Young in May 1946 saw MacDougall as the colony's first post-war colonial secretary, a position in which he excelled — indeed it has been said that he was the finest colonial secretary in Hong Kong this century. However in 1949 aged 45, he resigned, giving up a brilliant career and the almost certain prospect of a colonial governorship. This decision was made in spite of protests from many colleagues and friends who tried to persuade him to stay on. There were several reasons for it, not least of which was his strong desire to return with his family to Britain, where he farmed for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Inez, and their three daughters.

MILTON SUBOTSKY

Milton Subotsky, American independent film producer and writer, died in London on June 27 aged 69. He was born in New York City on September 27, 1921.

FOR more than twenty years, Milton Subotsky brought American enthusiasm and enterprise to the British cinema scene. Working with his partner Max J. Rosenberg, he established his Amicus company as a major force in British horror and fantasy film-making. *Dr Terror's House of Horrors*, *The Deadly Bees*, *The House That Dripped Blood*, *Scream and Scream Again*, *The Skull* (the Marquis de Sade's skull, naturally): Subotsky's fondness for lurid, shiver-provoking titles knew no bounds.

Yet Subotsky's films were not all screams, skulls and ghouls. Always quick to pounce on popular trends, he packaged a handful of cheap, lively pop musicals: in 1962, *It's Trad, Dad!* gave Richard Lester his first chance to direct features. Subotsky also master-minded Dr Who's cinema career, co-producing and writing two features based on the BBC serial, one of which contained the time-travelling Doctor's immortal line: "We'll have to bypass Watford; the place is full of Daleks." On a higher plane, Subotsky produced film versions of Pinter's *The Birthday Party* and Margaret Drabble's novel *The Millstone*; these he wisely left for the authors themselves to write.

Subotsky came to Britain in 1959 after varied American experience in film, television and journalism. He prepared television programmes for pioneer broadcasts in New York and Schenectady; during the war he edited footage for the US Signal Corps Photographic Center. In the 1950s he wrote television scripts and produced the series *Junior Science*. His film break-through came with *Rock Rock Rock!*, a 1956 musical featuring disc-jockey Alan Freed, Chuck Berry, twenty rock and roll numbers, and a teenaged Tuesday Weld — making her debut as a schoolgirl eager for a strapless dress.

"A pasted-together quickie," snorted the reviewer in the show business newspaper *Variety*. Yet the film at least got Subotsky started. After two further features, he moved to Britain for *The City of the Dead* (1960), an effectively eerie tale imbued with the spirit of H. P. Lovecraft's occult stories. *It's Trad, Dad!* and *Just For Fun!* — photographed by Nicolas Roeg — provided more innocent merriment for teenage audiences. Then the parade of terrors began.

Subotsky and Rosenberg may have plunged into the field under the influence of Hammer's horror films. Yet their Amicus product pursued an individual path, reviving the anthology format made famous by Ealing Studios' *Dead of Night*. The first film, *Dr Terror's House of Horrors* (1964), told five separate tales (all by Subotsky); others often used stories by Robert Bloch. Most were directed by Freddie Francis, a former cameraman. Quality inevitably varied, but the best segments spun their grisly plots with enjoyable verve. Subotsky also ventured into prehistoric terrain, adapting two Edgar Rice Burroughs novels in *The Land That Time Forgot* and *At the Earth's Core* — genial romps sabotaged at times by weak acting and cost-conscious special effects.

In 1975 Subotsky and Rosenberg went their separate ways. Subotsky formed a new company, Sword and Sorcery, but found it hard to match his old achievements. Difficult relations with the technical unions in the 1980s curtailed his activities in Britain, though he worked on many projects and co-produced films for American television. His last film in Britain was *The Monster Club* in 1980.

He leaves his widow, Fiona, and two sons.

Dinners

Institute of Legal Executives
The inauguration dinner for Mr Roger Smith, President of the Institute of Legal Executives, was held last night at the White Hart Hotel, Lincoln. Mr David Gandy, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions and Chief Executive of the Crown Prosecution Service, was the principal guest. The other guests included:
Mr John Manthorpe (Chief Land Registrar), Mr R W Tinn (president, Lincolnshire Law Society), Mr A R M Maw (president, Grimsby and Cleethorpes Law Society), and Mr J D Bensley (deputy chief constable, Lincolnshire).

Strathclyde University Dining Club
Lord Tombs, Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde, was the guest of honour and speaker at the inaugural dinner of the Strathclyde University Dining Club, in London, held in the Garrick Club on July 17, 1991. Mr Peter Jones was in the chair. The Right Hon the Earl of Stockton and Sir William Francis joined their fellow Alumni.

Memorial service

Lady Leach
A memorial service for Lady Leach was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Wonston, Hampshire. The Rev Anthony Jardine officiated. Mr Nicholas Wood, son-in-law, read from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran, Mrs Juliet Orbach read *Footsteps* and Mr Peter Lord read *The Bend in the Road* by Helen Steiner Rice.

Supper

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire
The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire gave a supper party last night at Chatsworth in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund. The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and Mrs Hilton and Major-General G.M.G. Swindells, controller of the fund, were the principal guests.

Reception

Lord Newall
The Lord Newall, Ambassador for the United Kingdom, of the Ordre des Coteaux de Champagne was host at a reception on the Terrace of the House of Lords on Wednesday, July 17, for Mr Ray Perks, Consul General for the United Kingdom, and Officiers, Chevaliers and guests of the Ordre.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Ridout in F, Hear the voice and prayer (Tallis), Rev J H R de Sausmarez; 2.15 Holy Baptism; 3.15 E, Responses (Barten), Second Service (Piccolo), O bone Jesu (Anon); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev Dr C A Lewis.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Vaughan Williams in G minor, Love bade me welcome (Vaughan Williams), Canon R Hockley; 11.30 M, Responses (Byrd), Collegium Regale (Howells); 4 E, Durham Service (Lloyd), Blessed city, Heavenly Salem (Bairstow); Rev J Mayland.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 & 11 HC, Missa in Angustiis Nelson Mass (Haydn), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), Rev C Hill; 3.15 E, Dyson in D, I was glad (Parry), Imperial March (Elgar), Rt Rev T Butler.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Neary), Festival Te Deum in E (Britten), Justorum animae (Stanford), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa Trinitatis sancti (Grier), Canon Colin Semper; 15 E, Responses (Rose), St Paul's Service (Howells); Valiant-for-Truth (Vaughan Williams), Rev H Burkton; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 E, Rev P Ferguson.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), I was glad (Parry), How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms), The Bishop of Southwark; 3 E (said).

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Missa Quand l'o penso (Lassus), Ave Maria, mater Dei (Cornysh), O sacrum convivium (Tallis), Petite Suite Française (Sanger); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Viadana), Ave verum corpus (Josquin), Fantasia in F minor (Mozart).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Fr A M Barratt.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Canon R J W Bevan.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Rev S Davis; 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Rev S P Parselle; 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 11.15 Divine Service, Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP, Rev R V M Stapleton.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M, Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rev Preb J Foster.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev A T R Goode.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Sumsion in G, Sing joyfully (Byrd); 3.30 E, Quando cor nostrum visitas (Dering), Purcell in G minor, Cantate Domino (Dering).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon S Van Culin.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Preb R Bewes; 6.30 HC, Mr David Turner.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8, 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Preb C E L Thomson; 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev N Vigers.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family HC, Rev N G P Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service with HC, Mr Ken Costa.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Festiva (Peeters), Mr Harold Holwell; 6.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Rev A Winter; 6.30 S Euch, Rev M Woodgate.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Canon J Oates; 6.30 E, Responses (Tomkins), St Paul's Service (Howells), In exitu Israel (Wesley), Blessed City, heavenly Salem (Bairstow), Canon J Oates.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks (Howells), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Euch, Fr Michael Day; 6.30 EP, Fr Michael Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Stanford in A, O Salutaris (Elgar), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Leighton), Ave maris stella (Elgar), Rev G Buckle; 6 S Euch (Taize Service), Walmisley in D minor, Expectans, Expectavi (Wood), The Vicar.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 HC; 10 Euch with Children's Church, Rev O Ross; 6.30 EP, Rev T Birchard.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, Fr D B Perkins.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Christus Factus Est (Bruckner), Rev D Frith.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Jesu, the very thought (Bairstow), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev N Vigers.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 S Euch & Holy Baptism, Jackson in G, The Lord is my Shepherd (Rutter), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Te Deum, St Margaret's Service (Gutteridge), Messe Solennelle (Gounod), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Very Rev Dean of Guildford.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, Rt Rev P Lee; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev M Henwood; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev G Lee; 6.30 ES, The Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; S Euch, Rev Prof B Linders; 11.15 M; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Fr B Scott; 6.15 Solemn E & Solemn B.

ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Batten Short Service, Rev John Ovenden.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev I Brown; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung HC & Baptism, Rev O Clarke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev D C L Prior; 7 Informal Service, Rev J Crossley.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Rev D Burton Evans.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family Service; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Hindemith Mass, Fr A Chidwick.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 HC, Rev G James; 6.30 E.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Fr C Colven; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr J Towers.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, Rev R Avent.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa brevis in B flat (Mozart), Alma Dei Creatoris (Mozart); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev W A Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa in illo tempore (Monteverdi), My soul there is a country (Parry), Alma redemptoris mater (Palestrina).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Latin Mass.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3.30 V&B.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Messe en Fa (Dubois), Maria, Mater gratiae (Fauré), Toccata (Dubois).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 Missa Simplex (Lotti), Beati Quorum Via (Stanford), Ave Verum (Carissimi), 12.15 & 6.30 Masses.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30 Rev R Whittle.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Rev M Braddy; 6 Mr Jack Sammons.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 10 HC, Donald Soper; 11 HC, Bill McCrorie; 6.30 Malcolm Rothwell.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9, 11, 2.30, 6.30 & 9.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30 Rev P Lovatt.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R Scopes.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 Major C Hunt; 6.30 Mrs Major M Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Sung HC, Rev Bishop Simon Petros Zulu, Evangelical Lutheran Church South Africa; 7 Bach Vespers, Cantata 136 Erforsche mich, Gott, und erfahre mein Herz (Bach), Fantasia in G for organ and orchestra (Bach), Cantate Domino (Schütz), Rev R T Englund.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, Lords Roundabout, NW8: 11 Rev W C McCrorie.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev A Hunt.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Anniversaries

TODAY: births: Petrarch, poet, Arezzo, Italy, 1304; Sir Richard Owen, biologist, Newtown, Powys, 1804; Sir James Phillips Kay-Shuttleworth, philanthropist and educator, Rochdale, 1804; Margaret McMillan, educationist, Westchester, New York, 1860; Erick Karlfeldt, poet, Nobel laureate 1931, Folkärne, Sweden, 1864; John Charles Reith, 1st Baron Reith, 1st director-general of the BBC 1927-38, Stonehaven, Grampian, 1889.

Deaths, Hugh O'Neill, 2nd Earl of Tyrone, Rome, 1616; Catherine Anne Southey, poet, Buckland, Hants, 1854; Sir Richard Wallace, collector of works of art, Paris, 1890; Andrew Lang, scholar, collector of fairy stories, Banchory, Grampian, 1912; Guglielmo Marconi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1909, Rome, 1937; Sir Dan Godfrey, conductor, Bournemouth, 1939; Paul Valéry, poet, Paris, 1945; King Abdullah of Jordan, reigned 1928-51, assassinated, Jerusalem, 1951; Ian Macleod, politician, 1970; Charles Mark Boxer ("Marc"), cartoonist, 1988.

The attempted assassination of Hitler by Count Claus von Stauffenberg, who was executed, 1944.

TOMORROW: births, Jean Picard, astronomer, La Fleche, France, 1620; Matthew Prior, poet, Wimborne, Dorset, 1664; Elizabeth Hamilton, writer, Belfast, 1758; Paul von Reuter, founder of the news agency, Kassel, Germany, 1816; Hart Crane, poet, Garretsville, Ohio, 1899; Ernest Hemingway, writer, Nobel laureate 1954, Oak Park, Illinois, 1899.

Deaths, Robert Burns, Dumfries, 1796; Dame Ellen Terry, actress, Hythe, 1928; Louis-Hubert Lyautey, marshal of France, Thorey, 1934; Albert Luthuli, president of the African National Congress 1952-60, Nobel Peace laureate 1960, Stanger, S Africa, 1967; Basil Rathbone, actor New York, 1967.

Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon (Apollo XI), 1969.

Birthdays

TODAY: The Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, 71; Sir Christopher Benson, chairman, MEPC, 58; Lady Margaret Colville, 73; Professor Sir John Dacie, haematologist, 79; M Jacques Delors, president, Commission of the European Community, 66; Sir Antony Driver, former chairman, South West Thames Regional Health Authority, 71; General Sir Jack Harman, 71; Mrs Sylvia Heal, MP, 49; Sir Edmund Hillary, first man to reach the summit of Mount Everest, 72; Lord McGowan, 53; Mr Charlie Magri, boxer, 35; Lord Palumbo, 56; Sir Jeffrey Petersen, diplomat, 71; Mr Walter Plowright, veterinarian, 68; Miss Dilys Powell, film critic, 90; Mr A.J.D. Rees, head master, Blundell's School, Tiverton, 48; Miss Diana Rigg, actress, 53; Viscount Slim, 64; Miss Elizabeth Tucker, headmistress, Headington School, Oxford, 55; Dame Veronica Wedgwood, OM, historian, 81.

TOMORROW: Mrs Heather Angel, wildlife photographer, 50; Dom Aidan Bellenger, head master, Downside School, 41; Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman, Trafalgar House, 57; Sir Andrew Buchanan, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, 54; Mr John Burrow, chief constable, Essex, 56; Mr Henry E. Cotton, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, 62; Dame Joyce Daws, thoracic surgeon, 66; Sir Stephen Egerton, diplomat, 59; Miss Buchi Emecheta, writer, 47; Canon Donald Gray, Speaker's Chaplain, 61; Sir Kirby Laing, former chairman, Laing Properties, 75; Dr Jonathan Miller, film, theatre and opera director, 57; Major-General the Duke of Norfolk, 76; Mr Bill Pertwee, actor, 65; Mr Julian Pettifer, broadcaster, 56; Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle, 63; Mr Karel Reisz, film director, 65; Mr Michael St John Parker, headmaster, Abingdon School, 50; Mr Isaac Stern, violinist, 71; Mr D.J. Trevelyan, principal, Mansfield College, Oxford, 62; Mr Peter Wright, former Chief Constable, South Yorkshire, 62.

Carmen's Company

The following have been elected officers of the Carmen's Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr E.R. Britt; Senior Warden, Mr K.E. Parry; Junior Warden, Mr Alderman Sir Peter Levene.

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Because you are righteous, help me and rescue me. Listen to me and save me!
Psalm 71:2 GNB

BIRTHS

BEAUMONT - On July 18th at Harrogate General Hospital to Claire and Robert, a daughter, Emma Cilla.

BULTEEL - On July 16th at Brighton to Renata and Henry, a son, Charles Bellenden.

CLEMENTS - On July 17th at Yale University Hospital to Elizabeth (née Lightfoot) and Nicholas, a son, Graeme Ballantine.

COLLINS - On July 17th to Julie and John, a beautiful baby daughter, Danielle Julia, a sister for Liam.

CORBRIDGE - See Gaguine.

DAVIS - On 17th July, to Bridget and Kevin. A lovely baby boy

GAGUINE - On July 17th, at St James Hospital Leeds, to Susan and David, a son, Richard David.

HOARE - On July 15th, to Susan (née Dobree) and Edward, a son, James Edward Thomas.

HOLMES - On July 16th 1991, to Genevieve (née Bunney) and Adrian, a daughter, India Sallis.

HUTCHINSON - On July 11th to Amanda (née Busker) and Andrew, a daughter - Anna Lola Victoria.

JONES-DAVIES - On July 17th, to Frances (née Buxton) and Henry, a son, Edward Owain Ellis.

MARCHINGTON - On July 17th to Jocelyn (née Foley) and Rupert, a son, Fergus Rupert Henry, a brother for Georgia.

ROBERTS - On July 12th, to Vanessa and Martin, a first child, Claire Victoria.

RODRIGUEZ - On July 19th, to Frances (née Bidwell) and Carlos, a son, Daniel Timothy, a brother for Sabrina and Julian.

SMITH - On July 16th 1991, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, to Libby and Peter, a daughter Amelia Charlotte.

STENHOUSE - On Sunday July 14th to Alison and Guy, a son, Jonathan David Murray, a brother for Rebecca and Hugh.

TREVOR-JONES - On July 18th, to Carolyn (née Law) and Hugh, a son, Edward John, a brother for Harry and Guy.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

MOULD:NORTHCOTT - 21st July 1951, Daphne to Harry at Aspenden, Herts.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SEELEY:WORMALD - On July 17th, 1941 at St Mary's, Wimbledon, Jack Seeley to Hilda Wormald.

DEATHS

CRAWFORD - On July 17th, peacefully, Lt. Col. J.D. (Jamie) Crawford, husband of the late Anne, much loved father of Penelope, Colin and Lindsay and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at 12 noon, at St. Mary's, Market Lavington on Thursday, July 25th. Donations in lieu of flowers to: British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London, W1H 4DH.

DYSON - On July 16th 1991, at Wonford Hospital, Exeter, Devon, John Humphrey, aged 78 years, of Hawkchurch, nr Axminster, Devon, widower of Countess Anna Maria Alexandrene Ludwigstorff, Baroness Goldlamb of Lower Austria. The funeral service will take place at Hawkchurch Parish Church, nr Axminster, Devon on Wednesday July 24th at 2.30pm. Enquiries please to J.P. Clarke & Son Funeral Directors, Axminster, Devon. Tel: 0297-32686.

FRANKL - On July 14th, Eva Frankl, at her home after a short illness. Will be forever in the hearts of daughter Dinah Monnickendam and Jenny Suchy. Much missed by family and friends. Any donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund welcomed.

GASKELL - On July 18th 1991 at home, Henrietta Margaret, peacefully, in her 93rd year. Funeral service Thursday July 25th at St Nicholas Church, Upper Chute. Cremation at Woking Crematorium. Enquiries to Dunning Funeral Service: 0264 334436.

HEDLEY-WHYTE - On July 17th 1991, Nancy, aged 86, widow of Angus, much loved great grandmother.

HUNT - On Thursday July 18th, Donald Tompkins. Aged 87 years. Much loved and will be missed by all his family and friends. Funeral services at St Thomas' Prince George Avenue, Oakwood at 12.45pm, Tuesday 23rd July.

LATHAM - On July 18th, peacefully at home, Ida, aged 71, of Grange-over-Sands. The very dear wife of Arthur, and loving mother of Howard and Martin. Much loved by all her family and grandchildren. Service will take place at Blackley Crematorium, Manchester, on Thursday July 25th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations welcomed in memory of Ida for A.I.C.R. (Cancer Research), may be sent to G Postlethwaite Funeral Director, Main Street, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.

LOEWENBERG - On July 18th, 1991, Edith, of 6, Chesterford Gardens, London NW3, peacefully at the Royal Free Hospital. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd July at 3pm.

McKEE - On Thursday July 18th 1991, George Kenneth McKee CBE, Sc.D. (Hon) F.R.C.S. peacefully - in Salisbury General Infirmary, dearly beloved husband of Dan, adored father of Michael, Theo, Belinda, Georgina and all step family and grandchildren. Funeral service to be held at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich on Thursday July 25th at 2.30pm. All friends welcome. Family flowers only, but donations to The Norwich Hip Trust and MENCAP, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Service, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 2PE. A Memorial Service will be held details to be announced later.

NAUGHTON - On July 17th, 1991 peacefully in hospital, Michael John, beloved husband of the late Marie Winifred and devoted father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at St. Clement's Catholic Church, Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey on Thursday, July 25th at 10.30am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, E8.

RICHARDS - On July 17th, 1991, Arthur Kenneth, aged 87, at home, Ingram House, Burton, Bondstock, Nr. Bridport. Private funeral. No letters please.

RYDER - On July 19th peacefully at home, Henriette Ryder (née Gaster), aged 96, beloved wife of Napoleon Ryder and mother of Leo and Lucy Ryder. Funeral at Spanish and Portuguese Jews Cemetery, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, on Sunday, July 21st at 2.30 pm. Prayers at 21c Lindfield Gardens, NW3 on July 23rd at 8pm.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

JOHNSON - Jean, lovingly always remembered on her Anniversary and Birthday.

NICHOLSON - Alan. Remembering on this special day - his birthday. Henceforth thou shalt see nought but cloudless sky - James.

WILLIS - Muriel, died July 21st 1984. Remembered on this and everyday with love and respect for a woman of rare courage and honour. B.J., E. and S.

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Diamant Mildred of 12 Craven Close Stamford Hill London N16 died on 13th June 1991. Particulars to Bircham & Co., Solicitors of 1 Dean Farrar Street Westminster London SW1 0DY before 28th September 1991.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 007808 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
C M W GROUP PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 28th day of June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (1) the reduction of capital of the above named Company from £360,000 to £369,999.96 and (2) the reduction of the Share Premium Account by £470,882.96.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, the 29th day of July 1991.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the under-mentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 17th day
of July 1991.
McKenna & Co of
Mitre House
160 Aldersgate Street
London EC1A 4DD
Solicitors
for C M W Group Plc.

No. 007472 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
CARADON BATHROOMS
LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 27th day of June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of Share Premium Account of the above named Company from £37,463,000 to £31,362,620.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday, the 29th day of July 1991.

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Dated this 18th day
of July 1991.
McKenna & Co of
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160 Aldersgate Street
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for Caradon Bathrooms Limited.

No. 006684 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
BITMARK LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES' ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 7th June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company from £10,014,113. to £5,356,708.

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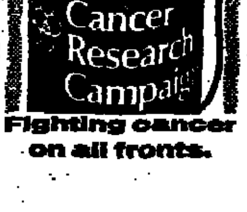

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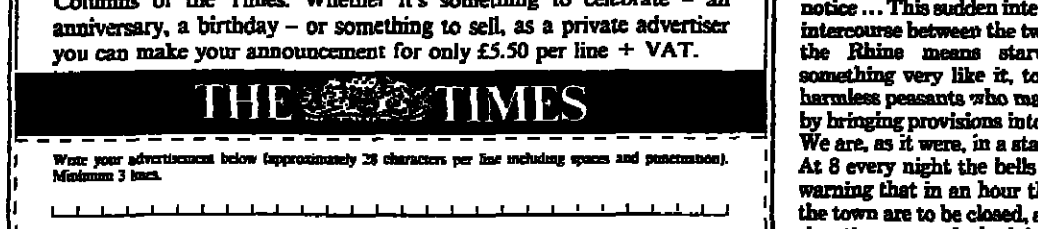
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Answers from page 24

MACQUEREAU

(b) A pimp, from the French for mackerel, for Frog and fishy reasons too complicated and contentiously obscure to go into here: "This fat one was out to seduce the girl. But was prevented by the lover, Bongo-Shaftesbury. The old one in tweed — Porpentine — was the macquereau."

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(c) In India, a robe of honour or other ceremonial present, presented as an honorific to distinguished visitors, a grade of gift up from a garland of marigolds, from the Hindi *khilat*: "A flowered satin gown was brought me. I was dressed in it as a killut."

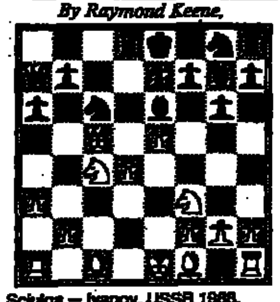
VOGIE

(a) Scottish for either vain, or merry, orig. obsc.: "I was somewhat vogie of the valour I had shown her so handsomely off-hand."

VISON

(b) The American mink, from the French: "The Mink, the Vison, and other weasels of Northern America are in the habit of retiring to holes and crevices."

By Raymond Keene,



Sciulgs — Ivanov, USSR 1988. Although the game is only just out of the opening, black's next move forced resignation. Can you see what he played?

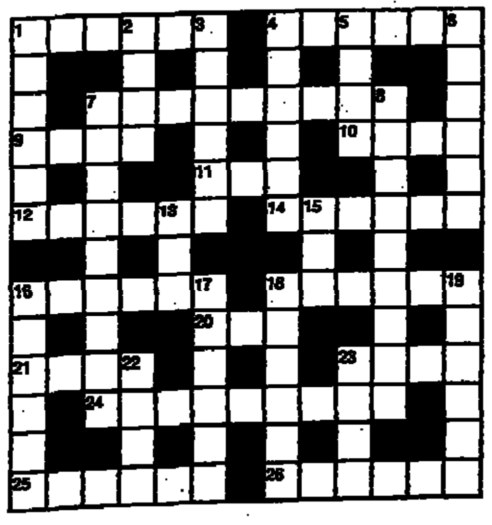
Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a Batsford chess book. The winners will be printed next Saturday.

Solution (July 13): 1 Bh8. The winners are: T.G. Varga, Holyhead; B.E. Atkins, St Albans; J. Day, Plymouth.

We apologise for *not* printing the July 6 winners last week. The solution was: Ne8. The winners were: C.M. Giles, London SE19; W. Limb, Stroud; D.J. Bott, West Drayton.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2539

ACROSS
1 Overlord (6)
4 Thick crumpet (6)
7 Beyond control (3,2,4)
9 Vendetta (4)
10 Colourless (4)
11 Euro currency (3)
12 Pillager (6)
14 Prickles (6)
16 Substitute (6)
18 Small shot (6)
20 Night before (3)
21 Masticate (4)
23 Looped cross (4)
24 Show loyalty (3,6)
25 Quayside worker (6)
26 Tank tower (6)



DOWN
1 Stalwart (6)
2 Crashing noise (4)
3 Mob member (6)
4 Elephant driver (6)
5 Discovery (4)
6 Dark rain cloud (6)
7 Not in harmony (3,2,4)
8 Covent Garden theatre (5,4)
13 Consume (3)
15 Tinge (3)
16 Surpass (6)
17 Soft breeze (6)
18 Allow (6)
19 Summer top (1-5)
22 Stroll (4)
23 Seaweed agent (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2538
ACROSS: 1 Savage 4 Asthma 9 Walloon 10 Run up 11 Exam 12 Long shot 14 Canary Islands 16 Alluvial 18 Lair 20 Thumb 21 Element 23 Dispel 24 Pretty
DOWN: 1 Saw 2 Villain 3 Grow 5 Straggle 6 Hunch 7 Appetiser 8 Intoxicated 11 Enchanted 13 Provable 15 Nearest 17 Louis 19 Deer 22 Toy

JULY 20

ON THIS DAY

1870

On July 19, France declared war on Prussia. Strasbourg suffered heavily under siege and bombardment from the German forces and finally capitulated in September.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.)
STRASBOURG, SUNDAY.

... I have just returned from a drive to the river in the direction of Kehl, having gone chiefly to see what was going on at the bridge which connects the two countries ...

The railway bridge has been rendered impassable by removing a sort of drawbridge on the French side. A soldier told me that on the Baden side this arrangement could not be made, and so their share of the bridge was already mined, to be blown up, if necessary, at a moment's notice ... This sudden interruption of intercourse between the two banks of the Rhine means starvation, or something very like it, to a host of harmless peasants who made a living by bringing provisions into the town. We are, as it were, in a state of siege. At 8 every night the bells ring out a warning that in an hour the gates of the town are to be closed, and if after that time any unlucky loiterer wants to come in or go out he may knock and knock in vain. The warning is now understood, but when the gates were first thus closed, on Friday night, I believe, a host of country folk found themselves shut up inside Strasbourg, and, worse fate, a host of townsfolk found themselves shut out. All access to the ramparts is also now strictly forbidden by day as well as by night in consequence of spies having been detected upon them making plans. The French troops here are, as I need scarcely tell you, in the wildest state of excitement and delight. What is an army worth, or what *raison d'être* has it, if it is never to fight? They are especially eager, too, to march against the Prussians, though, for the matter of that, not more eager than the Prussians appear to be to meet them ...

But with all this eagerness on the part of the troops I don't observe here generally as much excitement in favour of the war as I did at Paris. Certainly the sight which Paris presented on Friday night after the proclamation of the war was one which, perhaps, no other city in the world could match. For hours — from about 8 to 12 — the principal boulevards were so choked with passengers on foot and in carriages that it took a minute to move a yard, the greater portion of the crowd being in that state of perfectly frantic excitement which none but the Frenchman can attain to, unless blows are to be struck and blood drawn, whereas in Paris, though I was out in the most crowded quarters from 10 o'clock to 3, up to which time bands were still parading the streets, I did not see one fight amid all the innumerable fiery discussions on the question of peace and war. For though most of the cries were warlike — "*Vive la Guerre!*" "*A Berlin!*" "*A bas la Prusse!*" "*A bas Bismark!*" and, with an odd mixture, "*Vive l'Empéreur!*" and "*Vive la Rèpublique!*" — there was a sturdy minority who resolutely shouted "*Vive la Paix!*" Here the cries last night were unanimous in favour of war, but the enthusiasts were principally very young — some of them mere boys. The fact is the Strasbourgeois are near enough to the war to realize its terrible and painful side — and I have already witnessed some of the scenes — weeping women parting from husbands or sons about to face the needle-gun or *mitrailleuse* — which remind one how many hearts one bullet may reach. Besides, the people here have many Prussian friends and connexions, and it seemed very strange and painful last night, after the shouts of "*A bas la Prusse!*" died away, to turn round and hear half one's neighbours talking German ...

Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

This is the age of the sage

WE HAVE a serious outbreak of a virulent disease. It leaves you dizzy and bewildered. I am suffering from being over-advised. I reel under a hail of well-meant but conflicting nuggets of agricultural wisdom.

I had my first hint of this problem a couple of years ago at a farm auction, buying my first horse-drawn plough. I asked a couple of knowledgeable old boys if they thought the plough better suited to light land or heavy. They replied instantly and in chorus. One said "heavy", the other "light". Earlier this year, I was pondering whether it would be best to undersow clover seed with the barley or the oats. My adviser on that occasion said he wasn't certain but he knew where he might find the answer. The next day I had two telephone messages. One chap had rung to say "barley", another had called to say "oats".

Now that the haymaking season has at last arrived, I find the advisers are out again, hovering like a swarm of bees looking for somewhere to settle and cause irritation.

The first adviser took one look at the field and told me I was wasting time making hay in the first place. "That old meadow hay, that's not worth cutting. Not worth cutting, that isn't." He had a point. It was poor grassland, matted, knotted and weedy. But should I explain to hungry sheep in the depths of winter that there is no hay because the field didn't look quite tidy enough to cut? And what of the chap who, the day before, had told me: "Well, in my day, we never had better hay than came off them old meadows. Never had better hay!"

There was a period when I was contemplating ploughing that meadow and reseeding it with fresh grass. "You want to get a good vigorous mixture. Lots of rye-grass." I was on the point of ordering, but thought I might glance through the aged farming tomes before doing so. One book warned: "Rye-grass is not highly nutritious, will not fatten growing cattle and gives out in July and August. Other grasses are far more worth growing." However, of another grass variety called cocksfoot, he wrote "... our most valuable pasture plant, fulfils the highest wish of the humus builder, greatest yielder of forage, always forms the larger proportion of our most famous pastures". I decided on cocksfoot. I mentioned to a farming friend that I was thinking of sowing a cocksfoot meadow. He shook his head and spat.

So the rough old meadow stayed and grew and is now ready to cut for hay. While I was sharpening the blade of the clipping machine, an old farm-hand dropped by. "Are you thinkin' o' clippin' that there owd me'dow?" I told him I was. "Well, what you want to do, boy, is set that clipper high so that's not getting tangled up in them roots. Set it high!" I would have done so if I had not remembered the advice of a rustic sage: "One inch at the bottom's worth three at the top."

The same chap asked me if I was going to stack it or bale it. I told him I was going to build a haystack. "In that case," he said, "you'll be all right cos' that hay won't need to be quite as dry as if you were goin' t' bale it." I sighed with relief. The next visitor warned: "I've lost more ton of hay by stacking that too soon than I 'av b' leavin' it. Leave it till it's right dry." This was an important point. The moment at which the hay is carted is as crucial to a farmer as the grape-picking time might be to a vintner. Gather the hay when it is of just the right moisture and you guarantee sweet fodder. If it is too wet it cooks in the haystack and rots. I went back to the books. "Overheated hay is as bad as none at all. It will kill cattle, and ruin horses," warned one author. "Hay, baked in the sun till bone dry, is useless," insisted the next.

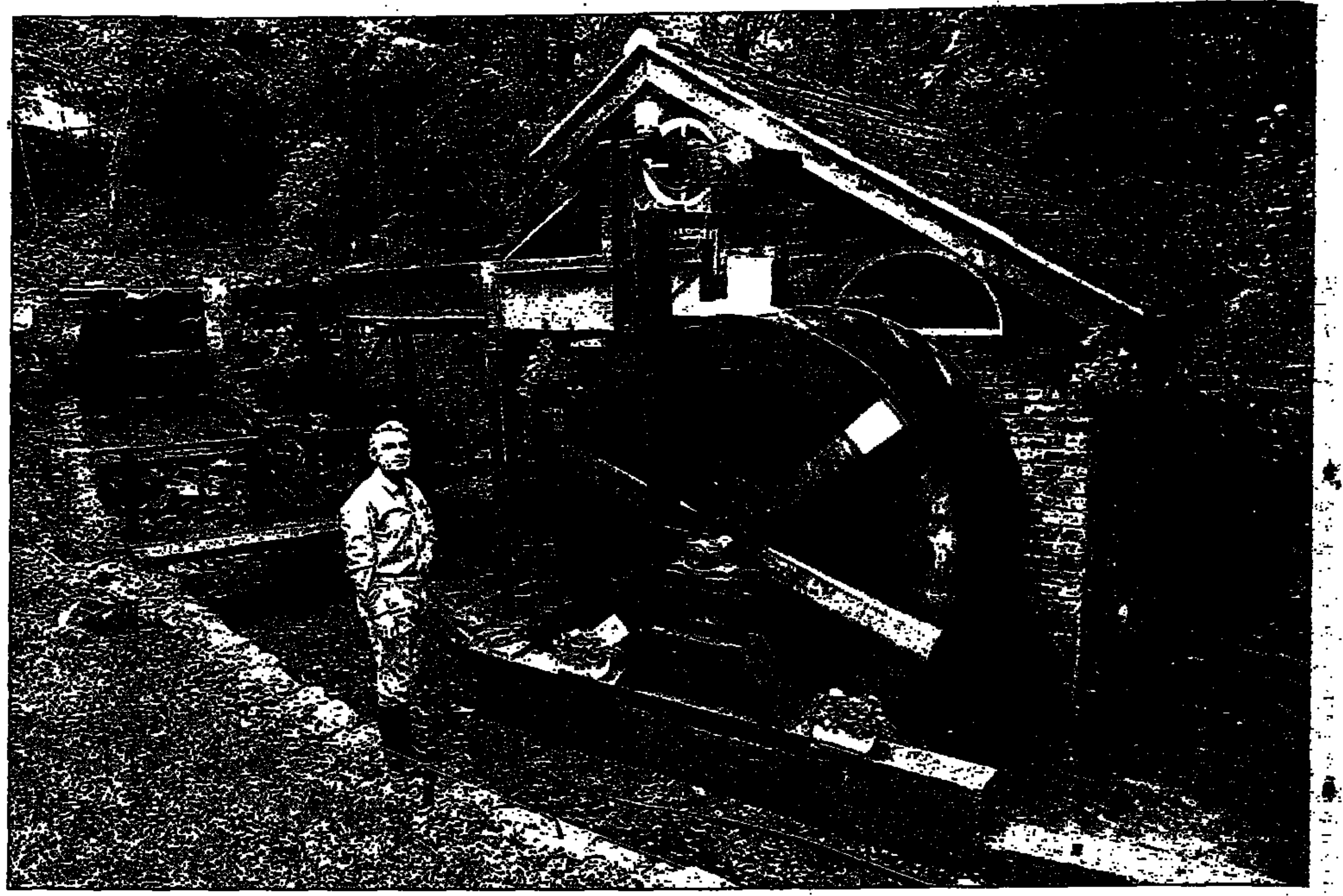
As I began to cart the hay another adviser appeared. "You ain't cartin' that today are yer? Weather ain't right. It be clung." "Clung" is a word I have heard before in Suffolk. It can describe a damp muggy day, or a lettuce too long in its supermarket film, or a spineless individual. I can't define it but I know what it means.

In the end, advisers advise but farmers must decide. I am carting the hay, pitching forkful after forkful on to the wagon. It is tiring work when you are swamped with well-meant advice. I feel like a drowning man, clung to a straw.

Water power comes full circle

A Cheshire man generated interest with an old approach to energy, reports William Greaves

ADRIAN BROOKS



One good turn: Paul Bromley with the water wheel he built with the help of businesses, local volunteers and school children in Cheshire

One moment the great wooden water wheel, more than 8ft high and 3ft wide, hung inert over a bubbling stream. The next, the brook was unleashed into the uppermost bucket, the construction stirred itself into stately revolution, and the valley came alive with lights and music.

In the last century, 30,000 water wheels were at work in Britain, until the advent of electricity killed them off almost overnight.

Now Paul Bromley, a 52-year-old chartered surveyor, has taken a small step to redress the balance. Assisted by an army of local volunteers and schoolchildren, he has built on his 20 acre estate in the Cheshire foothills of the Pennines, what he believes to be the the first water wheel in this country to drive its own hydro-electric generating plant.

The wheel is scarcely likely to cause worries in the newly-privatised generating and supply companies — indeed, one of them, Norweb (the old North-Western Electricity Board) gave sponsorship of £1,500. Built at a total cost of £8,500, excluding hundreds of volunteer man-hours, the water wheel will at best produce one and a half kilowatts of power — sufficient to power 25 60-watt light bulbs.

Mr Bromley is a keen environmentalist, and the project is part of an educational programme he and his wife, Ingrid, began four years ago when they turned the woodlands of their estate into a conservation trust for the benefit, mainly, of local school children.

"We've always been interested in self-sufficiency and alternative technology without, I hope, becoming too dotty about it," Mr Bromley says. "We realised that we had woodlands which had been undisturbed for half a century and decided to set up the Pedley Wood Conservation Trust. We felt there's a lot of access to the countryside these days, but not enough quiet, secluded places where children can play and create their own world in their imagination.

"Local schools came to use the woods for nature studies and conservation appreciation classes, and sometimes as many as 20 children come to camp. We built a cabin where they could sleep in the hay, and they live entirely by their own resources."

To bring water to the cabin, Mr Bromley reactivated an old Blake hydraulic ram pump which had been installed down at the stream in the Twenties to service the main house, and required no power other than gravity. All the cabin needed was electricity but Mr Bromley refused to utilise any form of generation which could not be found naturally within the wood. The stream, too small even to have a name, was all he had.

From the outset the plan appealed to industry. Norweb was joined by BASF, the German-based chemicals company, and ICI, which between them offered a further £1,500; conservation organisations such as UK2000, the Mersey Basin Campaign and the Countryside Commission also gave support. Nearby Poynton County High School offered the resources of its workshops and sixth-form science students.

Three local volunteers joined the project. Lawrence Beard, a 55-year-old mechanical design engineer, masterminded the design and specification of the wheel; Alan Thompson, aged 47, a builder, built the wheel and the power-house and diverted the stream to provide dry land for the foundations; and Les Fazackerley, aged 44, an auto electrician, fitted the alternator and wiring.

Mr Beard says: "We had the schoolchildren drop Pooh sticks into the stream and also make depth measurements, and we arrived at an average winter flow of 17 gallons a second, so we calculated that we could fit an 8ft 3in wheel which could be made to turn at about eight revolutions a minute. We always knew that a water wheel was not the ideal means of producing electricity, because it has high torque but little speed, and an alternator needs to turn at something like 2,000 rpm to be of any use.

"So what we needed was a tractor back axle, transmission and gear box, and to put the water wheel where the road wheels would have been and the alternator where the engine would have been — in other words, turn the whole thing back to front — and by using first gear only we reckoned we would just about achieve the final speed we were looking for."

"By a simple example like this," Mr Fazackerley says, "we can teach children to treat energy with a little more respect, when they realise how much effort goes into creating it."

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Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Family dog show:** Exemption dog show with five pedigree classes plus a "rescued dog" and ten fun classes. Proceeds to local canine charities and Guide Dogs for the Blind. Separate admission to see the shire horses.
Courage Shire Horse Centre, Maidenhead Thicket, Maidenhead, Berkshire (0628 824848). Tomorrow. Dog registration from 11am, 50p per class, showing from 12.30pm.

☐ **Tatton medieval fair:** Medieval village atmosphere with jugglers and jesters, stilt walkers, fire eaters, strolling players, musicians and dancers. Refreshments.
Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 654346). Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm. £1.75, child £1.25.

☐ **Dinton Pastures wildlife festival:** Displays by local and national wildlife societies and groups, country craft demonstrations, craft fair and ranger-led guided tours of the park. Also children's entertainments, refreshments and beer tent.
Dinton Pastures Country Park, Hurst, Wokingham, Berkshire. Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission free, car-park £2.

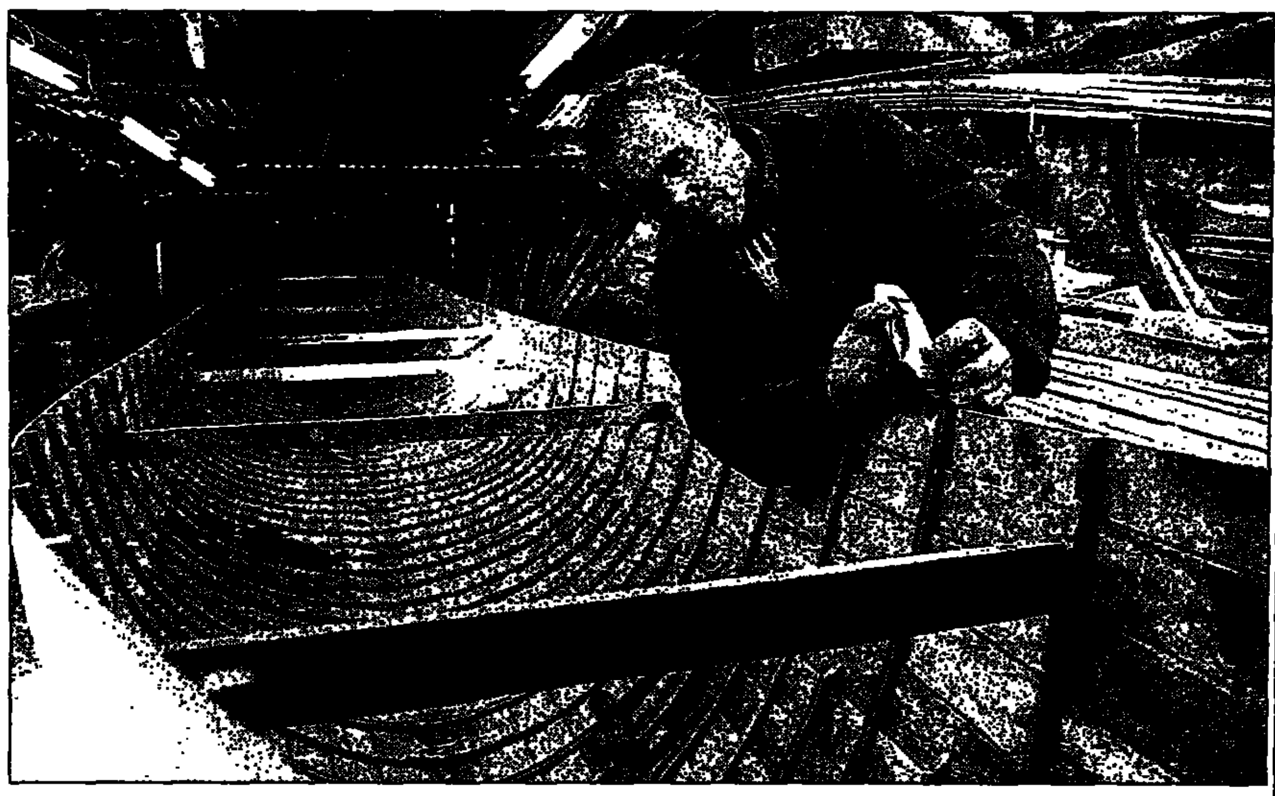
☐ **Let's Do It!** Southern Comfort's celebration of the life and work of Cole Porter, starring Paul Jones and Elaine Delmar, continues its summer tour in the cliffside gardens of this National Trust property.
Saltram, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon. Today, 7.30pm. £10, child £5. Information, 0752 336564.

☐ **Charity pump trolley challenge:** 15 teams of four in fancy dress belt along quarter-mile laps of the Didcot railway line using the eccentric form of transport made popular in the *St Trinian's* films. In aid of Plan International UK, the development organisation working for third world children.
Great Western Society, Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire (0235 817200). Today.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Medieval craft fair:** 125 exhibitors, demonstrations, court dancing, combat nights and other period entertainment.
Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. Fri-July 28, 10am-6pm. £2.25, child £1.

JUDY FROSHAUG



No place for modern technology: "If God had wanted fibreglass boats, he would have made fibreglass trees," Ralph Bird says

Modern art of an old craft

The Cornish gig, traditionally used to ferry pilots from ship to shore, is alive and well and still being built the old way

In winter, as dusk creeps up the estuary outside his cottage, Ralph Bird has only the cries of curlews as company as he leans over the frame of his latest boat in progress.

He is one of Cornwall's four builders of gigs, traditionally used to take pilots between their ships and the shore. Until a few years ago, after motor-launches had long replaced the wooden boats for daily use, only clubs at Newquay and on the Isles of Scilly raced gigs from beaches in the summer. These days, the sturdy vessels routinely steal the show in races at regattas around the Cornish coast crewed by six oarsmen and a cox.

Mr Bird, who traces boatbuilders in his family back to the 1800s, has built eight from the purpose-built 32ft shed in his garden since 1985 and speaks of their revival following two decades of fibreglass boat-building like a zoologist who has saved a rare animal from extinction. A hand-written note hangs as inspiration from the rafters of his workshop: "If God had wanted fibreglass boats, he would have made fibreglass trees."

A man of few words and even fewer smiles, his gruffness mellows when he describes each vessel's quirks and strengths. His favourite, built last year, is the Ann Glanville, named after a local 18th century oarswoman from Saltash. "There was just something about her I liked," he says, visibly smitten. "They all have different personalities."

In a region where boats are more practical than cars for quick travel between villages along the Fal estuary, he started rowing in his mid-teens, repaired old gigs as a hobby and qualified in boatbuilding, which he still teaches at a local technical college. His obsession encompasses a collection of rowing memorabilia on the walls of his granite home, Pilot Gig Cottage, and memories of conversations with old Scillonian pilots. A row of buoys lies outside his door and the telephone rings unheard when he works.

"It's 24 hours a day with me really, seven days a week," he says, stroking the rim of a half-built creation and almost reluctantly proud of his craft. "Years ago, they would have given this to an apprentice to build. There's nothing complicated in them. It's straightforward boat-building. At the end of the day it's the crew that matters."

But he lights up when he describes the technique of "clinker-building", or the overlapping of timber cut in increasing curves from solid lengths of local elm. Built to a 200-year-old design, the boats have 12 planks a side fixed with 4,000 copper nails around an oak frame and sealed with six coats of paint.

"It's not much between life and death, really," Mr Bird says, tapping the quarter inch-thick shell. But the structure is strong enough that, in high seas, "if you couldn't go out in this thing, you couldn't go out at all".

He takes pleasure in knowing that machinery is ill-equipped to cut any worthwhile time from the building process and the step-by-step construction is best suited to working alone. In winter, the drizzle that cloaks the hills around his shed provides perfect building conditions.

The only concession to modern technology is the gluing on the "scar", where the planks join: "Before, they overlapped the planks a bit and covered it with linseed oil."

Gig-building will never turn into a big industry and Mr Bird would never want it to. The boats, which cost about £10,000 with a trailer and silver spruce paddles, are built to last and he predicts orders from local clubs will dry up within a couple of years. More seriously, following Dutch elm disease there is a shortage of usable elm, which is resilient, flexible and light. With two further orders, he is relying on a cheap purchase of timber from the National Trust but is gloomy about the outlook for future supplies.

"Who knows?" he muses about the gigs' uncertain future. "In ten years' time they might just be lying around the beach not being used or there could be twice as many."

SUSAN ELLICOTT

Count the years as they fly by

Feather report

A LANDMARK birthday approaches at the speed of an express train and I stare moodily out of the window at a sky crisscrossed by swifts in the restless quest for food and life. A party of long-tailed tits has just fledged, and the their noisy life-affirming squeaks fill the air.

How long, I wonder, can a swift hope to live? How many of those little scraps of feathers in the tree — there seem to be a dozen of them at least — will survive to breed the following year? The answers are 21 years, and maybe one or two.

The question of longevity in birds is important. The bird's strategy for coping with the problems of existence is closely related to the timescale over which a bird's life is set. Some birds set out on a course of slow maturing: others aim for a short life and a merry.

Therefore, the life expectation of birds varies dramatically from species to species, and so, naturally, do the records for longevity. Age is monitored by ringing, and records are kept exhaustively by the British Trust for Ornithology.

This is a particularly interesting moment for the trust. For the records are changing: it is recording ever-greater ages for the longest lived species. This is nothing to do with the birds, and everything to do with ringing techniques. Thirty-five years ago a hard-metal ring was introduced for certain species. The older softer rings used to fall off after a while.

Hardly surprising, then, that new records of birds reaching the over-thirties are beginning to come in. A Manx shearwater, an elegant seabird, has just been reported wearing a ring that was fitted 35 years ago. Even more startlingly, an oyster-catcher, ringed in 1959, died this year. Other records include 27 years for an Arctic tern; 23 for a tawny owl; 20 for a Canada goose; nine for a swallow and four for a wood warbler.

The biggest bird-killer is simply inexperience. Experience helps a bird cope with food shortage and avoid predators and accidents. A newly fledged bird is at the most vulnerable stage of its life. A bird that succeeds in getting through to breed for the first time is on course for as lengthy a life as its species can hope for.

Size is a crucial factor. It has been calculated that a doubling of body mass brings a 15 per cent increase in life expectancy; the doubling of life expectancy involves increasing body mass 32 times: from blue tit to tawny owl, in fact.

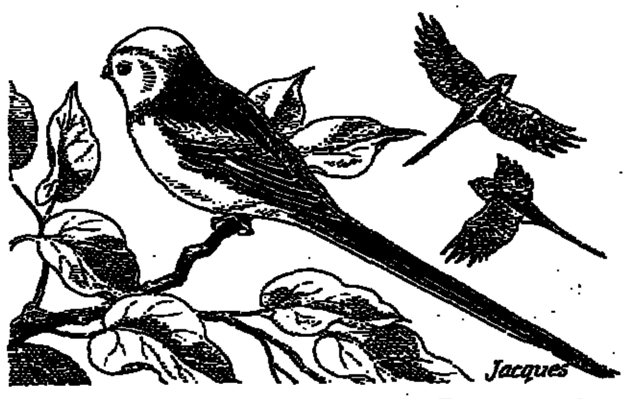
THAT means that the little birds tend to lead dramatically short lives. With tiny birds like my long-tailed tits, it is estimated that 90 per cent of all eggs laid fail to produce a bird that reaches adulthood.

Humans, with an altogether different breeding strategy, tend to find this shocking: the image of the turtles struggling towards the sea seems an example of nature's ineptitude. But it is not. For a population to remain stable, any living creature needs only to replace itself in the course of a lifetime, and there are many different strategies for achieving this.

No animals have 100 per cent success in raising young. What does this mean? A man pondering on this very question had a Eureka experience that changed western thought. The individuals most suitable for survival will do so. Charles Darwin was in business.

SIMON BARNES

● **What's about:** *Birders — terns on the coast, many feeding young. Twitchers — bridled tern on Scilly Isles; Caspian tern at Breydon Water, Norfolk. Details from Birdline 0898 700222.*



Dramatically short life expectancy: the long-tailed tit

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Put out to grass by tender?

Alice Thomson asks the senior gardener at St James's park about impending privatisation

The queen had had enough. Caroline, the wife of George II, was sick of seeing the multitudes gambling and fornicating on the lawns outside her palace, so she summoned the prime minister, Robert Walpole, to her chambers and asked him what it would cost to restrict the use of St James's park to members of the royal family. "Only two crowns madam," Walpole replied pointedly. The queen was deterred.

St James's park in London has always been the most popular of Britain's royal parks. Civil servants on lunch breaks, people with a penchant for pigeons and Japanese tourists who want to have their photos taken with the pelicans fill the park every day. Thirty gardeners, two birdkeepers and five drivers work full-time to ensure that visitors can still amuse themselves in some of the most beautiful gardens in Britain.

Now Michael Heseltine, the environment minister, has announced that maintenance of the eight royal parks in London is to be privatised. The 341 men and women who tend the Queen's pelicans (in St James's), rear the royal deer (in Greenwich and Richmond) and plant her tulips will be made redundant early next year, although they will be offered job interviews by the organisations winning the contracts.

The minister praised the quality of horticulture in the parks but said he wanted to develop and where possible improve standards.

George Glazier has worked in the royal parks for 13 years. As the senior gardener at St James's, he is in charge of 90,000 plants, 200 birds and any people who might happen to get stuck in their deckchairs. His day starts at 7am, when he helps pick up the ice-cream wrappers that stick to the paths, and ends 12 hours later as he makes sure that none of his ducks has escaped.

"Every month I plan what we need: 10,000 tulips, 2,000 fuchsias," Mr Glazier says. "We can't please everyone but we try to provide a spread of colour. We stopped using the dahlias and chrysanthemums and one woman got so irate she attacked one of our gardeners. But usually people are encouraging and we spend more time warding off those who come armed with their secateurs and little plastic bags trying to get cuttings."

He likes to leave the planting to the chargehands' imaginations. "Each border is a different creation and takes months of preparation. We grow all our own plants in the hothouses, so planning often starts the year before," he says.

'On a quiet morning you can pretend the whole place is yours'

Brought up in inner-city Brixton, Mr Glazier never left London during his childhood and at 29 still lives in a flat near his mother. He believes that the parks are vital in showing inner city children that there is green beyond the concrete. "I've never had a garden of my own but my mother loved plants and she used to take me to the parks occasionally. I think that is when I realised what I wanted to be," he says. "My friends thought I was mad when I left school to become an apprentice gardener but I still love my plants while I haven't seen my friends for years.

"If it is really hot and the park is packed with bodies, I want to run away. But on a quiet Sunday morning it is wonderful. You can wander round the borders and pretend the whole place is yours. I often find myself glaring at any stray joggers if they disturb me."

The royal parks are still nominally the property of the sovereign and although members of the royal family are unlikely to be found wandering around St James's lake, many can still see the park from their chambers and discreet messages may be relayed to the management if something does not appeal. "We always make sure we plant pale mauves and blues round Clarence House, and at Buckingham Palace they are very particular about their red tulips and geraniums," Mr Glazier says. "We are told it is because they go so well with the guards uniforms."

The park also acts as the front garden to Buckingham Palace and has to be pristine if someone comes to call. Last week it was the Group of Seven leaders who made their way to the front door, next week it is President Mubarak of Egypt. Each time Queen Victoria's statue has to be scrubbed down, the lamp-posts have to be washed and the flowerbeds weeded. The night before the Queen's little supper party for the G7 leaders, a waterpipe burst, flooding The Mall, and staff worked all night so that the delegates would not get sprayed as they waved out of the windows.

ALAN WELLER

Sunday in the park with George: "Every piece of litter people drop is painful to us," Mr Glazier says

More often Mr Glazier finds himself dealing with lovers who have become entwined in his herbaceous borders. In the 18th century the park became a noted haunt for whores. Now it is more likely to be used by young couples who have nowhere else to go. "If I see a leg sticking out of a bush, I will try to look the other way, but if a member of the public complains I'm normally summoned to deal with the situation. If I catch anyone vandalising the place I will call the park police."

Soon Mr Glazier will not have to bother. Like many of the staff, he thinks he will take the redundancy money rather than compete for a job with a private contractor. "A border like one of mine can cost £25,000 to keep. Who is going to make a profit out of that?

"The royal parks win all the gold prizes at the Chelsea flower show because we treat these gardens as our own. Every piece of litter people drop is painful to us. If they get rid of all these people, some of whom have been here for 20 years, they will never train the same kind of loyalty. There will be no one who will care enough to prune a whole trellis by hand. They will just use a machine."

Anyone here called Hughes?

Why Cardiff is celebrating the life and times of an ironmaster, and the rebirth of a Ukrainian town called Hughesovka

THIS year, for the first time since 1917, the town of Hughesovka is back on Ukrainian maps. It is the original name for Donetsk, established 120 years ago in the Ukrainian coalfield by the Welsh ironmaster John Hughes.

Hughes was born in Merthyr Tydfil in 1816, and started life as an apprentice at the town's Cyfarthfa ironworks. In 1860 he left Wales to join the Millwall Engineering Company, becoming its managing director.

The company's high quality armour plating and guns attracted the attention of Tsar Alexander II, who invited Hughes to establish imperial Russia's largest steelworks on the Donetsk coalfield in southern Ukraine.

Armed with 80 workers and some of their families from the south Wales valleys Hughes, his wife and their four sons arrived in Russia in 1868. Three years later a £300,000 business funded by Millwall Engineering — the New Russia Coal, Iron and Rail Company — was in operation.

Man of steel: John Hughes

The company was the largest British scheme in 19th century Russia and the first Welsh/Russian joint venture. It led to another, in the 1890s, when Welsh workers went to Moscow and Vladivostok to set up the Russian tinplate industry.

The Hughesovka settlement (Khyusovka in Russian), complete with houses, schools, a church and a hospital followed the establishment of the steelworks. Other British workers later joined the Welsh and Russians employed there and despite being routinely ravaged by cossacks and cholera, Hughesovka was soon producing 380,000 tons of iron and steel a year, much of it bound for the new Russian railways.

Business boomed until 1917, when most of the British workers, and the Hughes family, fled. The Bolsheviks renamed the town Stalino, meaning steel. When he came to power in the Fifties, Khrushchev objected to his home town having the same name as his hated predecessor. So the town became Donetsk.

Then last September Hughes's only surviving British granddaughter, Mary Beyfus, an 80-year-old Londoner, led a delegation of 30 of the Hughesovka workers' descendants to the Ukraine. To celebrate the return of the British, the locals decided to resurrect their town's old name.

"Although my grandfather died before I was born, I am very proud of his achievements," Mrs Beyfus says. Her father took over the steelworks after Hughes died in 1889.

Mrs Beyfus found her trip memorable for an unexpected reason. During her stay in Donetsk she discovered that she was not Hughes's only living granddaughter. Her grandfather had had a relationship with his Russian housekeeper, who had given birth to a daughter, Nina Ivanovna. A great friendship has since developed between the two octogenarians and their families.

Unlike Mrs Beyfus, Bertha Stoodley and Ellen Perry, sisters now in their eighties, were born in Russia. Their Welsh mother and English father met and married at Odessa's English parish church.

"Our father worked at ironworks set up by the company at Krivoi Rog — a few miles outside Hughesovka," Mrs Perry says. "We left in 1917 with only the clothes we were wearing."

The sisters, who now live in Bedford, still speak Russian. Although they could not make the journey back to Donetsk last September, Mrs Stoodley's son, Richard, went in their place.

The Hughes mansion, he says, is now a ruin. But the "English houses" Hughes built over a century ago are preferred by the locals to Soviet flats and the modernised steelworks are still working on the same site.

IOLA SMITH

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● *Cardiff's Industrial and Maritime Museum is running an exhibition celebrating Hughesovka's 120th birthday. The visit to Hughesovka forms part of a three part series,* Hughesovska and the New Russia, *which begins on BBC2 on July 26.*

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **The art of mas:** Dancers, story-tellers and other artists explain *mas*, the performance of masquerade as practised at the Trinidad carnival.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (071-603 4535). Today 10am-5pm. £8, students/children £5.

☐ **Bristol dinosaurs:** High-tech life-sized dinosaurs plus related hands-on exhibits.
Exploratory Science Centre, Temple Meads, Bristol (0272 252008). Today onwards.

☐ **Wish You Were Here:** Images of the seaside today, selected by Royal College of Art and V&A design students.
Twentieth Century Link Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (071-938 8361). Today-Sept 1.

☐ **Towner festival, Eastbourne:** Week-long festival of music opens tonight with "opera from a summer eve".
Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne. Today-July 25. Details: 0323 33447.

☐ **Dover joust:** Knights and soldiers in armour demonstrate skills-at-arms and archery.
Dover Castle, Kent (0304 201 628). Tomorrow from noon. £2.50, children £1.

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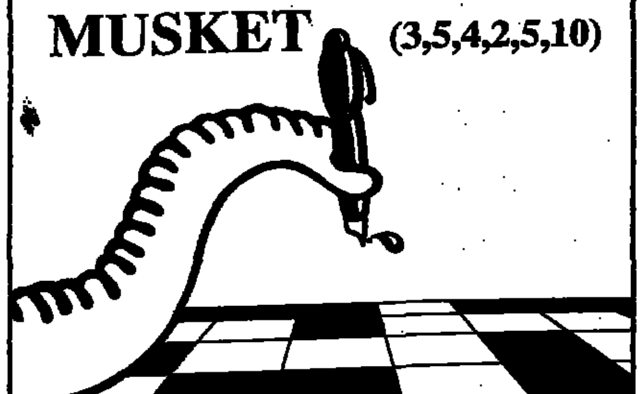

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Taking the eyrie way out

A SMALL conservatory at basement level or high on a roof can be a cheering addition to a town house. "Even a tiny balcony, glassed over, makes a wonderful recess," says Peter Marston, the director of Marston & Langinger, which builds conservatories.

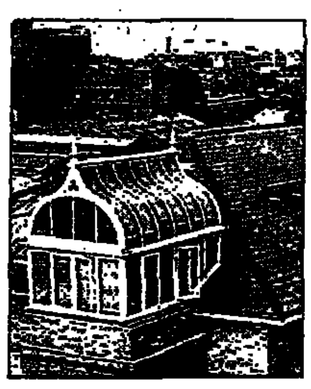
"A city conservatory does not have to be a fancy shape. There is nothing wrong with a well-proportioned, solidly constructed lean-to. Making use of existing walls can work out quite cheap," he says. His all-in price range for an 8ft by 12ft conservatory is £7,500 to £20,000.

Alexander Bartholomew, of the eponymous company, says: "We knock down the back wall of many London townhouses to create a kitchen-cum-conservatory in a space that is usually too narrow to be useful. You end up with a room whose value far exceeds the cost." About half Batholomew conservatories are town-built, so he is aware of problems such as coping with plumbing and discharges from central heating boilers, which may need re-routing. "On a flat roof it is sometimes necessary to incorporate steel beams (RSJs) to carry the weight. We cover balconies entirely, so that the load is taken by the walls of the house."

Machin Designs' structures grace roof-tops in New York and Paris as well as London. Francis Machin, its director, advises city dwellers to plan with patience. "So many inner-city buildings are listed or in conservation areas."

Inner-city sites require planning permission if they represent development of overall height exceeding 4 metres at, or within, 2 metres of a boundary line. Planning permission is almost certainly required for conservatories at first-floor level, while building regulations restrict how close to a neighbouring property's windows the glazed structure can be, because of fire risks.

Mark Jones, of Town & Country Conservatories, adds that "if a conservatory abuts a neighbouring property's wall, a party wall agreement will be required".


Room with a city view

Mr Jones also advises home-owners to consider the additional weight. Exploratory digs to determine the depth of the foundations may be needed. Although a 10ft by 12ft Town & Country conservatory added to a first-floor extension costs about £18,000, this figure rises sharply if structural work is needed.

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● *Bartholomew Conservatories, 277 Putney Bridge Road, SW15 (081-785 7263). Machin Designs, Ransome's Dock, Parkgate Road, SW11 (071-589 0773). Marston & Langinger, 192 Ebury Street, SW1 (071-824 8818). Town & Country Conservatories, 8-9 Murray Street, NW1 (071-267 7050).*

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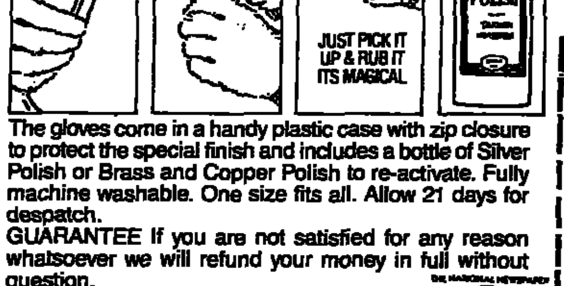
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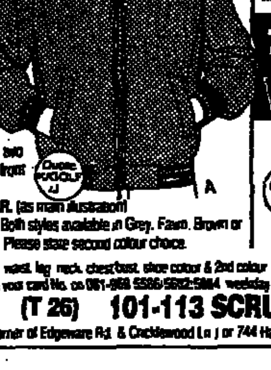

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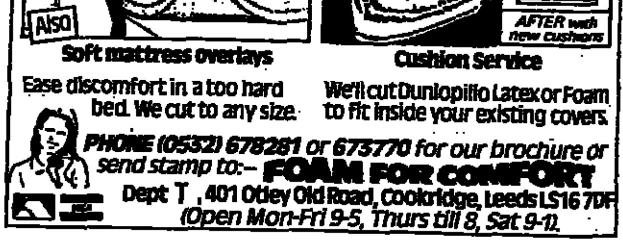

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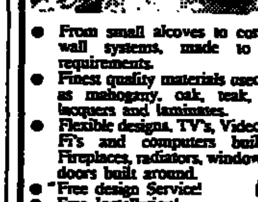

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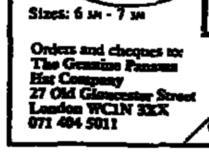

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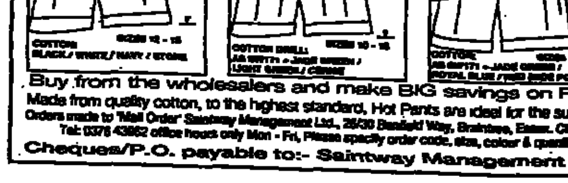

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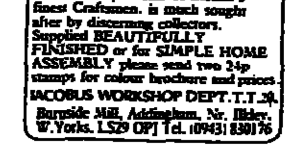

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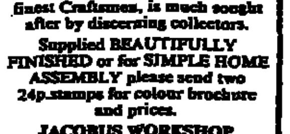

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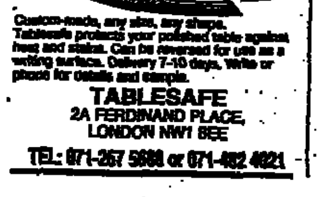

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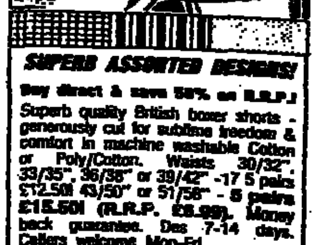
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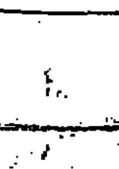

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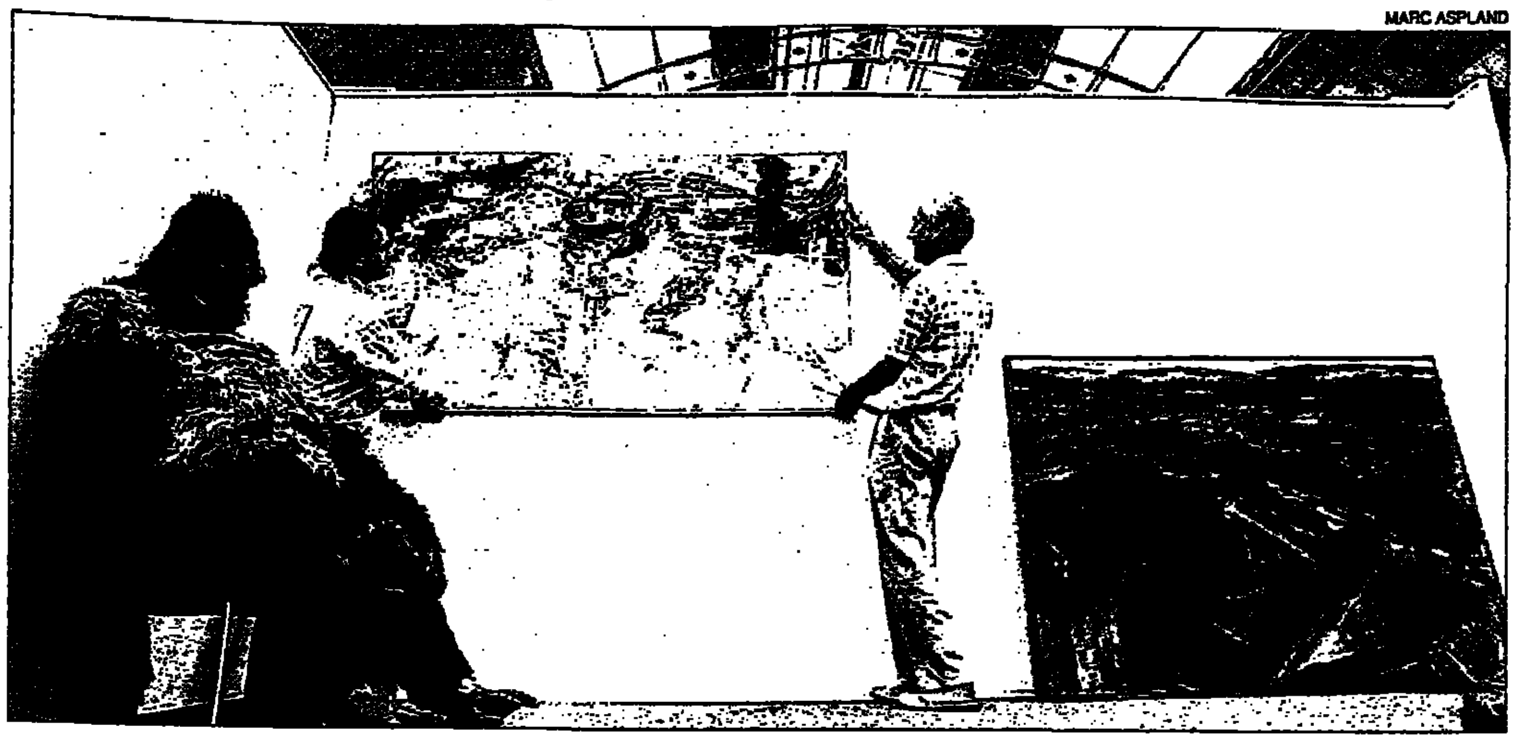

Young talent has its day: John Mikes and Lawson Hunt of Wolverhampton polytechnic hang a painting for the "Fresh Art" exhibition in London

Britain's first national fine art degree show is punctuated with the gimmickry common to commercial art fairs. Called "Fresh Art", the overview of work from 38 colleges (out of a total complement of about 50) includes a giant fake gorilla as receptionist for the Wolverhampton polytechnic stand (the Duchess of York specifically asked *not* to be photographed next to this during her official opening visit on Thursday night). Elsewhere is a zany Heath Robinsonesque pedal car which its maker, Chris Dobrowolski, and his "mate" Eddie Weldon cycled from the Humberside polytechnic, in Hull, to the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London.

Visitors may be assured, however, that, although arguably silly, these works have an ideological validity. The gorilla was conceived as the centrepiece for an environmentally sound display by Linda Nochlin, whereby the threatened creature became "humanised" while the heads of her fellow students (or rather moulds thereof) were mounted on the walls as trophies.

Mr Dobrowolski says his mobile art (offered for £3,000) is, "on one level", a landscape piece, as well as being a play on "getting on your bike" (he will shortly be unemployed). He also admits to it being "a way of getting some attention".

The usual aim of art fairs — which, because of their supermarket selling *methods*, are the art market's latest plague — is for a given dealer with an eye for interior decoration, or the digestible side of the avant-garde, to make money. With fairs of contemporary work, collectors come in order to talent-spot for budding David Hockneys.

What is refreshing about "Fresh Art" is that, although the work is for sale (at prices ranging from £50 to £5,000), the staff are not salesmen, their priority being to promote the concerns of their particular course. So the event resonates to artspeak rather than the sound of tills.

What results is a striking integrity in the work, and a definite saleability. "Fresh Art" results from a sea-change in art schools over the past decade. The government pulled the plug on art school funding, wanting "double the number of students for the same resources", says David Haste, the head of fine art at the Kent Institute of Art and Design, in Canterbury, and one of the organisers of "Fresh Art". As a result, some art schools were forced to close down. Others, however, developed survival techniques which have resulted in a revolution in the art they produce.

A year ago organisers at the Business Design Centre suggested the idea of a fair to members of the National Association for Fine Art Education, offering to subsidise the event to the extent of an estimated £80,000. Having first reeled at the prospect of meeting the balance of the bills (about £2,000 per stand), art schools then started energetically earning those fees.

Students at Kent, for example, were paid by building contractors to produce a 300ft mural for hoardings around a given site (later daubed with graffiti and painted over by the contractors in grey).

As for the art being produced, gone is the prima donna, navel-gazing, performance art approach of the Seventies. Over the past decade many art schools initiated artist placement schemes, whereby undergraduates knuckled down to community work, art therapy and so on, giving meaning to their lives and inspiration to their work.

The Dartington College of Arts is both ecologically and socially conscious. "I feel happy about the work because it is manifestly *about* something," says Chris Crickmay, the college's head of art and design, about his "art and social context" course. For example, Kate Emans, the painter of plant bulbs beneath a scorched landscape, has been working in a Polish home for the elderly in Newton Abbot, Devon. Vikki Oppenheim, who has produced a display entailing coracles and 'a fragmented Ophelia figure, worked with the National Rivers Authority, learning about nature and pollution.

"We don't believe in innate creativity. There are so many skills to being an artist, but they are teachable," says Mr Haste, whose students are involved in art therapy.

Walkies: *Best Shot Forward*, by John Blatchford of Hertfordshire college

This is not to say that "Fresh Art" does not include the predictable, imitative work one expects from young artists finding their way. But have some been overwhelmed by the current choice of media and sources? Conceptual art is represented by *Reading Room* (price £900) by Jayne Herringshaw of Altrincham, in which visitors are exhorted to "peep inside" a deep-freeze in which frozen books are displayed like so many plucked and plasticised chickens. Influences include Joseph Beuys and Anselm Keifer.

Rebecca Roberts's multiple portrait of the Disney character Pluto, painted in Neapolitan ice-cream colours, and apparently framed by squeezes courtesy of Mr Whippy, represents a cartoon parody theme (£150). Elsewhere, the walls include geometrical abstracts and portrayals of bed-sit land (droopy girl on bed, ashtray at side).

The English landscape tradition is also alive and well, its categories including satanic, lyrical semi-abstract and fairy-tale. The "found object", as launched by the great Dadaist Marcel Duchamp in 1912, still has currency, judging from John Blatchford's sculpture of a dog on a leash made out of tin cans (£1,900).

"Our values are so distorted by fakery, false acts of one kind or another, and you could say art is part of that decadence," says Mr Haste.

He also feels that there is a new optimism, with the artist emerging as a kind of hero. "Artists are picking up the fact that there's got to be more of value than the throw-away culture. They identify the decay more than any other field," he says.

In a recent lecture on 20th century art, Mr Haste told students that they are further from Picasso than Picasso was from Delacroix, and that the future is theirs. He then ripped up his notes and extemporised enthusiastically on the future.

● *"Fresh Art" is at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 (071 359 3535) until August 11.*

Kennedy car fails to fire

Review

☐ **Car crash:** In the last full week of the auction season, the Kennedy magic failed to weave its spell when a 1928 Lincoln built for Joseph Kennedy, father of the late American president, failed to sell in Christie's sale at Beaulieu. Bidding stopped at £9,500, far short of the £20,000-£25,000 estimate. But a 1955 one-owner Mercedes Benz Gullwing 3000 SL coupé sold for £159,500. Seventeen of the 32 cars sold. Total: £423,760.

☐ **Soaring Sport:** A bag of golf clubs made a record £627,000 at Sotheby's on Monday. The 23 clubs were all used by British Open champions between 1860-1930. The buyer is unknown. Spink, the London dealer, was active in this sale and at Phillips on Tuesday, buying antique clubs and balls for a private client.

☐ **Happy snaps:** Leica collectors paid good prices for old cameras at Christie's South Kensington on Thursday. Sales included a mid-estimate £2,420 for a 1944 35mm Leica with a Leitz lens and £2,860 for a 1969 example.

☐ **Literary lioness:** Pictures owned by a descendant of Jane Austen attracted interest at Christie's. There was a miniature and a portrait of Mrs Henry Rice, a relative of the novelist and supposedly the model for Mrs Norris in *Mansfield Park*. The miniature by Henry Joseph Burch went well over estimate at £1,210; the portrait by G.P. Barbier sold for a mid-estimate £5,280. The top price was for a Gainsborough landscape, which went on mid-estimate at £165,000.

☐ **Italian flavour:** A colourful majolica dish by Francesco Avelli, dated 1539, made the top £33,000 price, more than double the high estimate, among early English and continental ceramics at Sotheby's. Italian ceramics did particularly well.

Preview

☐ **Today:** There is furniture as well as pottery in Daniel's Stoke-on-Trent sale 10.30am.

☐ **Monday:** Sotheby's Sussex progresses from antique firearms and edged weapons at 11am to modern ones, by way of fishing tackle, at 2pm.

☐ **Tuesday:** A collection of Charles II silver crowns is a high spot in Spink's coin auction at the Forte Crest St James, better known as the Cavendish Hotel, 10.30am and 2pm. The best could make up to £4,000. At 11am and 2pm Sotheby's Sussex offers watercolours and oil paintings, including a charming 19th century primitive portrait group (up to £3,000).

☐ **Wednesday:** Some enjoyably acrobatic Indian examples lurk among more sedate miniatures and objects of virtu at Sotheby's Sussex, 2pm. In Honiton Bonham's offers ancient and modern fishing tackle, together with a small section of related books, 2pm.

☐ **Thursday:** Yet more weaponry, in London and in Somerset. At 10.30am Sotheby's Bond Street has various cannon and smaller arms, including a pair of Dutch East India Company deck guns (up to £7,000). At 2pm it has orders and medals, including important American groups. At Crewkerne, Lawrence offers weapons and militaria together with scientific instruments, furniture and carpets, 10.30am.

☐ **Friday:** A silver sale at Phillips should come to a triumphant conclusion with two pairs of almost identical candlesticks by Paul de Lamerie (up to £200,000), 11am.

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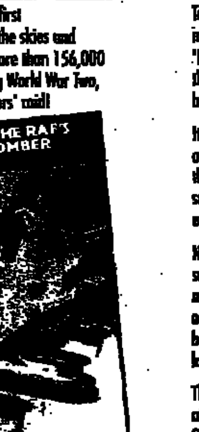

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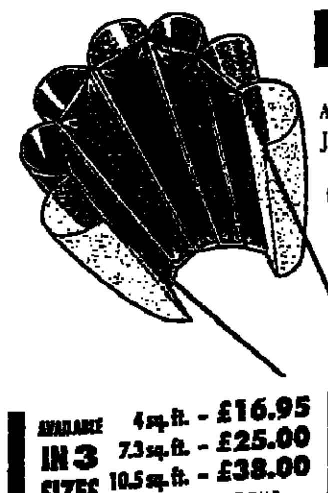

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Lynne Truss reviews the spirits, sceptics and sauces prominently featured in this week's television

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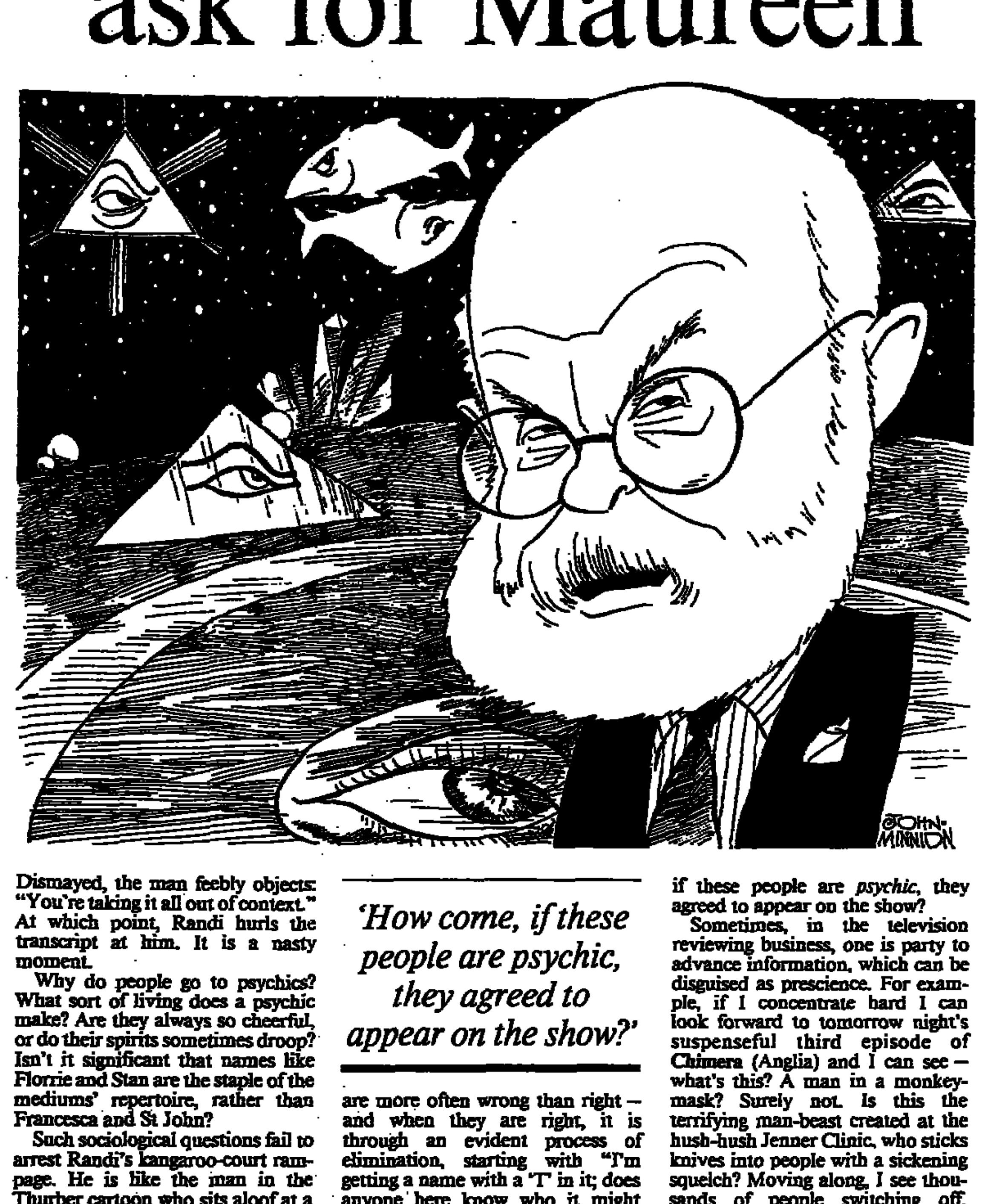

I closed the plush curtains, drew my satin cape around my shoulders, and sat in the phantasmagorical gloom at a small circular table, my right hand placed lightly on a copy of *Radio Times.* An old 78 rpm Irving Berlin record crackled softly on the gramophone ("I'll be loving you – always. With a love that's true – always"), and with closed eyes I let the song transport me into a deep trance. I was trying to contact the disembodied essence of a new Granada TV series, **James Randi: Psychic Investigator**, to find out if there was anybody there.

"One knock for Yes," I intoned; "Two knocks for No." But just when the table beneath my fingers was starting nicely to buck and shudder, a fierce-eyed old spoilsport with a white beard strode into the room and switched on the overhead lights with a loud "Ah-hah!". I don't remember any more. I think I must have fainted.

"Never give a psychic an even break," seems to be the sub-text to *James Randi: Psychic Investigator*, a curiously mistitled series. Waspish Canadian-born James Randi does not "investigate" – not if the word implies open-minded field-trips to haunted monasteries, or subtle exploration of different points of view. Rather, he invites large female psychic practitioners (with names like Maureen and Nella) to demonstrate their talents in front of a studio audience. Then, to their evident surprise and embarrassment, he demolishes their psychic claims with a zealous fervour bordering on the incandescent. Randi is a man of wrath, smiting these frumpy matrons hip and thigh. As they stand agape in their big frocks, you can imagine them thinking, "Blimey, I didn't expect the Spanish Inquisition."

Randi seems to think that psychics are a dangerous force in our society, like drug-dealers. He is careful, of course, not to call them charlatans, but in his short, sharp summings-up he is merciless. He picks on a weak-faced punter in the front row, accusing him of being "satisfied" with a recent psychic reading, given by Maureen. "Tell us how many names she gave you," he barks. "About half a dozen," says the man. "About half a dozen," repeats Randi, significantly, nodding.

He then produces a transcript of the consultation, from which he reads out the full list of 37 names the medium tried – "Alan, Alfred, Alice, Anne . . .". His point is that the willing believer remembers only the half-dozen hits, not the preponderance of misses; that if you are too close to something, you don't see it.

Dismayed, the man feebly objects: "You're taking it all out of context." At which point, Randi hurls the transcript at him. It is a nasty moment.

Why do people go to psychics? What sort of living does a psychic make? Are they always so cheerful, or do their spirits sometimes droop? Isn't it significant that names like Florrie and Stan are the staple of the mediums' repertoire, rather than Francesca and St John?

Such sociological questions fail to arrest Randi's kangaroo-court rampage. He is like the man in the Thurber cartoon who sits aloof at a party, while his wife says to another woman, "He doesn't know anything except facts." Psychics annoy him, it seems, because statistically they are more often wrong than right – and when they are right, it is through an evident process of elimination, starting with "I'm getting a name with a 'T' in it; does anyone here know who it might be?" The real clincher for their fraudulence, however, is right under his nose – yet, true to his own thesis, he fails to see it. How come, if these people are *psychic*, they agreed to appear on the show?

> *'How come, if these people are psychic, they agreed to appear on the show?'*

Sometimes, in the television reviewing business, one is party to advance information, which can be disguised as prescience. For example, if I concentrate hard I can look forward to tomorrow night's suspenseful third episode of **Chimera** (Anglia) and I can see – what's this? A man in a monkey-mask? Surely not. Is this the terrifying man-beast created at the hush-hush Jenner Clinic, who sticks knives into people with a sickening squelch? Moving along, I see thousands of people switching off, making loud "Oh, leave it out!" exclamations as this bathetic beast appears. As for the LWT continuity announcer who warned us that *Chimera* was frightening, I see him being tipped into an eerie midnight-blue whirlpool with red flecks in it. I also see the spirit of H.G. Wells waving a copy of *The Island of Dr Moreau*, and silently weeping.

Knowing in advance the outcome to the **Masterchef** competition (BBC 1) was much less gratifying, somehow, perhaps because I wanted the series never to end. To adapt Jerome K. Jerome: I like cooking, it fascinates me; I can sit, eating beans out of a tin, and look at it for hours. The contestants were extraordinary – not only did they create championship-class meals in the *Masterchef* studio, overlooked by Loyd Grossman and sundry top restaurateurs, but they did it in two and a half hours. I was stunned by this information. Two and a half hours to cook a meal? Lumme. Did they crochet bath-mats some of the time, or what?

A couple of viewers wrote to **Points of View** (BBC 1) to complain, on grounds of hygiene, that the *Masterchef* contestants licked the spoons, and did not wear shower-caps. One imagined these viewers writing from do-it-yourself isolation-wards, naked except for white wellingtons. Funny what worries some people. Actually, the nicely-edited shots of the chefs scratching their heads, or dipping their elbows in the *bain-marie*, were a constant pleasure. And as far as I remember, none of the judges ever complained of hairs in the soup.

"This sauce is exquisite."

"It is."

"What are these white bits? Are they white peppercorns?"

"Let me try. Mmm. No, I think that's scurf, actually."

"Oh."

Another *Points of View* eccentric wrote to say that the television audience ought to get a share of the food, perhaps overestimating the available technology. What I did find amazing about *Masterchef*, however, was that the portions were so teensy-weensy that there was scarcely enough even for the three judges to get a mouthful. I still remember slavering over the main course menu which ran: Roast Fillet of Venison with a Sloe Gin and Bramble Sauce; Carrot Bundles; Celeriac Puree; Dauphinois Potatoes; Steamed Mangetouts – imagining a hearty steaming meal that would stick to the ribs for days. Looking at it on the plate, however, was like peering down the wrong end of a telescope. I reckoned, with an expert eye, that you could probably mop up the whole serving with a single slice of Mother's Pride.

Beaten fair and square in great podium races

Stephen Pettitt reports on two British competitions for young conductors

True to the Thatcherite philosophy, ruthless competitiveness has become rife in the musical world. Following the World Piano Competition in London last month, two competitions for conductors have now taken place: one established, one new. The format of the fourth **Leeds Conductors' Competition** was pretty conventional. They took a multitude of aspiring maestros (around 90 applied), sifted them down, gave the survivors a few minutes conducting two pianos, and – hey presto! – produced a shortlist.

Winner: Andrew Constantine

Such a process resembles the penalty shoot-out at the end of an inconclusive football match in its irrelevance to the skills supposedly being tested. Conducting is about coordinating an ensemble, but two pianists produce a more respectable performance by concentrating on each other than by taking any notice of a third party. One might be able to examine a conductor's physical technique, but even so they are not often seen at their best in such circumstances. Fifteen were then left to fight it out, conducting a whole orchestra (the excellent English Northern Sinfonia) for half an hour.

They were whittled down by the jury to eight for the semi-final, a round of concertos. Three finalists were left. What would they choose to conduct? Answer: they had no choice. Since the final was a single public concert, the organisers had decided to make a reasonable concert programme of symphonies, consisting of Vaughan Williams's Fifth, Sibelius's Third and Shostakovich's First, and the conductors had to take what was given them.

This baffled many in the sporting Leeds audience, who realised that the conductor allocated Shostakovich had been handed an advantage. Technically it might not be an easy piece to conduct, but Philip Ellis, already staff conductor of the Birmingham Royal Ballet, had lower peaks to scale than his colleagues. He nevertheless looked the part, did a splendid job in controlling pace and balancing colours, and deservedly won both the official first prize (£1,500, a trophy, and the possibility of high-profile engagements) and the audience prize.

A member of the orchestra told me that they were most impressed by Paul McGrath, who had given an emotive and well-controlled reading of the Sibelius. Some of his gestures, however, seemed to betray a self-conscious sense of heroism, anathema to a really good conductor. The wide splaying of his arms at the end was hideously superfluous. That left Neil Thomson, a veteran of Tanglewood Summer School seminars, with the hardest task of all. Vaughan Williams's Fifth Symphony is for the most part slow, shapely music. Thomson's arm movements looked slightly wooden, but his facial expressions must have been extremely eloquent, for this was a beautifully formed and well-balanced account.

If the purpose of the Leeds is to make a career, that of the first **Accademia Italiana/Donatella Flick Associazione Conducting Competition** (again for British conductors) at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon harbours a perhaps more worthy ambition. The first prize of £5,000 is for a sojourn in an Italian opera house.

Andrew Constantine won it for his comfortable, sane conducting of Schubert's Fourth Symphony. Three of the other four competitors (there were no previous rounds and selection had been through recommendation and assessement of recordings) I thought had no chance, and the other, Martyn Brabbins, had already won the Leeds Competition in 1988, so arguably had no real need for the prize. John Longstaff and Christopher McCracken both looked and sounded awkward, while the experienced Mark Stephenson indulged in gratuitous exaggeration in his vain attempt to impress. The Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra maintained an admirably professional attitude.

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"I thought the voice doing me on Spitting Image was very good, and the puppet was staggering. But yes, it freaked me. I thought, Christ, that's the way people see me. I'm seen as needing to demonstrate my cleverness."

John Sessions in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Sexuality redressed

Why is John Lennon Wearing a Skirt?
Riverside Studios

CLAIRE Dowie's irreverent explorations of the ready-made sexual identity that comes as a package deal from society are now well known. The new solo turn, carefully labelled as a "one person show" by cautious advance publicity, has been seen elsewhere, notably at Edinburgh where last year it won a Fringe award. It makes many familiar points.

Too familiar, perhaps. The heart sinks at the introductory music: the interminable whine of "Working Class Hero", that litany of sanctimonious clichés by John Lennon, lyricist of possibly the most masterly sexist song ever written by an idol, "Norwegian Wood".

Dowie herself, with her pointed face, wide grin and schoolboy haircut, reminds us that sometimes boys will be girls and girls will be boys. She addresses us first as a 14-year-old tomboy, a not too distant descendant of Enid Blyton's proto-feminist George; except that George never expatiated on "the knicker factor" with such socio-sexual trenchancy. The performer then proceeds to give us a quick rundown of adolescent emotional phases and their attendant fashions, with the help of a capacious school desk from which she takes tights, high heels, jeans, socks, make-up and even the archetypal little black dress.

Her sexual attitudes emerge through a catalogue of her preferences – hanging around with the boys for football, smoking and swearing – and a gently mocking list of boy-friends, all inadequate for one reason or another.

By the time she reaches working age, she is dressing to repel, even to the extent of clumping boots and khaki shorts. But "they just thought I was wacky." Men continue to chat her up. The nature of the beast.

Dowie's satire is affectionate, without rant. As a performer she relies too much on the ingratiating smile of the stand-up comic. The rebellion she chronicles rarely ignites, except in the second half.

The show, devised by her and director Colin Watkeys, would be more effective tightened into a single act instead of a full-length evening with interval. Meanwhile, it yields moments of acute perception and amiable fun.

MARTIN HOYLE

Not a revolution, more a comic turn

THEATRE

The Coup
Cottesloe

GEORGE V reputedly shrugged his shoulders after the General Strike, muttering "what a way to run a revolution". Some stronger exclamation is demanded by Mustapha Matura's new play, in which a deposed Trinidadian president reduces his enemies to rancorous disarray simply by sitting in a cell and saying little, if anything, to them. This is a coup conducted by Inspector Clouseau in collaboration with the Gang Who Couldn't Shoot Straight.

A dream sequence, awkwardly inserted into the action, emphasises that political violence has a long ancestry in Trinidad. Columbus and his conquistadores – grey, stony figures who suddenly sail through the corrugated-iron backcloth – seem far from averse to shooting Indians in their quest for Eldorado. Nor has the end of colonialism meant the end of unrest. As a history lesson in the programme reminds us, only a year ago the prime minister was held hostage by Islamic fundamentalists. Matura's coup, if not factual, has a certain truth.

President Jones, "the father of our nation", sits in his prison, victim of a left-wing putsch. As Norman Beaton plays him, he cuts a trim, imperturbable, effortlessly authoritative figure, a man it is easy to imagine negotiating independence at Lancaster House, but also one who might have a mistress in Miami and slush-money in Switzerland. It is characteristic of Matura's sly, subversive humour that, with the exception of a naive sentry, nobody in *The Coup* emerges with much moral credibility.

Certainly, there is little honour or camaraderie among the officers interrogating Jones. Gordon Case's chunky Chan and Stefan Kalipha's Le Grange, harrumphing like an angry camel, talk of "eradicating decadent bourgeois elements", but also of ripping off the two million deutschmarks earmarked for national netball. They trust each other only marginally more than they do Jeffery Kissoon's mad-eyed Major Ferret, who may be in league with the CIA. "I never should have sent you to Sandhurst, that cushy training ground for Third World takeover specialists," concludes Jones as the coup slides towards chaos.

But how could it be otherwise in Trinidad? This is a nation where a guard can one moment play tough, the next absently leave his rifle on his prisoner's bed. The television company, ordered to broadcast radical polemic, gets the tapes muddled and shows *Wheel of Fortune* instead. Ferret manages to shoot himself when he is aiming at Jones, while Chan, admittedly in a dream sequence, mistakenly executes a prisoner he believes will tell him the secrets of the universe.

MARILYN KINGWILL

Irrepressible: Norman Beaton, with Lennie James

NO WHITE English dramatist could write like this about an ex-colony; and I doubt if they will pin medals on Matura's chest in the VIP lounge when he next jets into Port of Spain. Yet somehow he sustains satire without becoming condescending. Indeed, the play celebrates an anti-heroic individualism that undercuts pretension, pomposity and all other such un-Trinidadian things.

The evening has flaws. Too much happens offstage, while reports of what sound like amusing events become incoherent, since some of Roger Michell's cast combine energy and fun with slovenly diction. Also, the fate of Beaton's Jones remains unclear. Yet is it important if he ends in the coffin displayed at the start of each act? What matters more is that two nuns appear to mythologise his penis as a huge totem pole with a snake tattooed on it. Matura's Trinidad is, literally, irrepressible.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Strutting in with the right stuff

THEATRE

Spunk
Royal Court

SUCH prancing and preening, such cackling laughter, so many wriggling walks and squealing voices and pop-eyes rolling, bright teeth flashing, jelly-legs wobbling: six performers from New York's Public Theatre are strutting their stuff over here in three over-directed playlets by George C. Wolfe.

In the United States, the title-word does not mean what it generally does over here. Instead it defines spirit, endurance and what it takes to make a mark. So the characters in these 60-year-old tales by the pioneer black writer Zora Neale Hurston are to be thought of as spirited and smart, though few of them turn out to be so, and those that are display behaviour unpleasant enough to give spunk a bad name.

In "Sweat" an odious husband in Eatonville, Florida, sets a rattlesnake on his wife but ends up writhing on the floor while she watches his death agony from the yard.

A simple tale of nastiness punished is told through a blend of dialogue and narration. "She lifted a pan from the stove and took up a defensive position," says the wife, doing just that. The husband staggers and flails the air; never was there such a grimacing and yet such a weirdly soundless death.

DONALD COOPER

High-spirited: Stanley Wayne Mathis, with Kevin Jackson

"Story in Harlem Slang" concerns two zoot-suited pimps (in Harlem argot, male prostitutes rather than impresarios) boasting of their sexual prowess but failing entirely to convince a passing broad. Stylised death from snakebite is here succeeded by stylised braggadocio: the jutting buttocks learnt from Cab Calloway, the batting eyelashes that recall Mini Mouse. Danitra Vance is quite funny squeaking faintly in the way black girls think white girls cry for help.

She is also charming in "The Gilded Six-Bits", back in Florida where a happy love-nest is briefly upset by the longing for gold. Kevin Jackson plays her long-suffering man, brought back to happiness by the birth of a baby boy, and this sentimental tale is the most easily endurable of the three because the pace is less frenetic. The characters maintain some existence within the baroque strait-jacket of Wolfe's direction.

He comes up with some ingenious theatrical effects, some flashing past like the checked tablecloth complete with pie that turns over to become the cloth plus almost empty plate. The two men on a porch supporting a dummy between them is another clever device but, like a great deal of the first part of this show, over-estimated audience tolerance for the same thing going on and on.

JEREMY KINGSTON

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Perceptions of the IMF **7.05** Maths — Non-Euclidean Geometry

7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon featuring the boy puppet **7.50 Kissyfur.** Adventures of the animated bear (*r*)

8.15 The 8.15 from Manchester. Ross King meets Bros, in the studio Seal makes music and a junior field gym team from the Royal Tournament come along to do something wholesome. There is also a crew's eye-view of the Tall Ships race

11.00 Cartoon

11.20 Film: Camel Boy (1983). Family adventure made up of animation set over filmed backgrounds. A young Arab boy and his grandfather arrive in Australia and are hired to drive camels across the desert. When the trip goes wrong, they are forced to free the animals and return to Arabia. But years later a boy befriends a camel wearing a mysterious talisman. Directed by Yoram Gross, who also made *Dot and the Kangaroo* **12.27 Weather**

12.30 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Royal Birkdale and Bob Wilson in the studio. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.35, 1.00, 2.05, 2.40** and **3.15 Golf:** live action from the third round of the British Open at Royal Birkdale. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Mark McCormack, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesden; **12.55 News; 1.55, 2.30** and **3.15** Racing from Newbury. Peter O'Sullevan, Julian Wilson and Jimmy Lindley are the commentators

5.05 News and weather

5.15 Regional News and sport

5.20 The Royal Tournament. Spectacular military cabaret, with the Massed Cavalry Bands recreating the charge of the Light Brigade, the Royal Navy Field Gun Competition, RAF police dogs and the American civil war. The Queen accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh will take the salute

Proprietor of a motorcycle courier service: James Grout (6.30pm)

6.30 Roy's Raiders. Start of a new comedy series about a rough and ready firm of motorcycle couriers. The staff is the usual unlikely assortment of easy-to-remember characters who want to be accountants or pilots, but it looks a promising mix, with some bad guys in the form of a competing company thrown in for good measure. Written by Michael Aitkens of *Waiting For God* and starring the excellent James Grout. (Ceefax)

7.00 Les Dennis Laughter Show. Jovial fare from Les and the team, polishing up the old gags rather than breaking any new ground. The sketches include skits on an environmental debate and horoscopes. (Ceefax)

7.30 Columbo: Suitable for Framing. Peter Falk as the tenacious detective in tramp's clothing. When an art collector is murdered, Columbo takes an interest in the beneficiaries of the will. With Ross Martin and Hollywood veteran Don Ameche (r). (Ceefax)

8.45 One Foot in the Grave. Darkish comedy with Richard Wilson as an acerbic cynic coming to terms with early retirement and, tonight, murder, mystery and ventriloquism. With Annette Crosbie as his long-suffering wife and Jimmy Jewel (*r*). (Ceefax)

9.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather

9.35 Casualty: A Will to Die. Gritty drama set in an overstrained hospital emergency room. A remand prisoner needs medical treatment for assault, but Dr Beth discovers he has also been raped. Is he telling the truth, or are the prison officers trying to hide something? (Ceefax)

10.25 Paramount City. The comedy warehouse features stand-ups Steve Coogan from *Spitting Image*, Hattie Hayridge, Tommy Cockles and, from the States, the Higgins Boys and Gruber. Music is provided by INXS and Jesus Jones

11.05 Film: Hotline (1982). Formula made-for-television thriller starring Lynda (*Wonder Woman*) Carter as a telephone counsellor who finds herself the obsession of a serial killer. As he leaves her a set of riddles describing murders he has carried out around the world, she begins to realise she is next on his list of victims. Directed by Jerry Jameson, better known for disaster movies such as *Raise the Titanic* and *Airport 77*. (Ceefax)

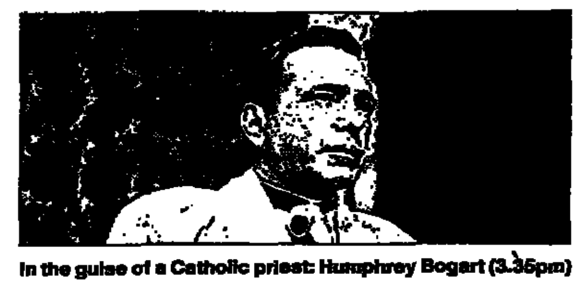
1.35am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University

2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 55 of the Indian epic in 93 parts. In Hindi with English subtitles

3.25 Animation Now. In *To Be* a mad professor invents a machine that can duplicate people



In the guise of a Catholic priest: Humphrey Bogart (3.35pm)

3.35 Film: The Left Hand of God (1955). Offbeat drama with a religious tinge starring Humphrey Bogart in one of his last film role as an American soldier of fortune. Caught in China after the second world war, Bogart poses as a Catholic priest in a remote village in order to escape the attention of a ruthless warlord (Lee J. Cobb). Love interest is provided by Gene Tierney as a mission nurse. Directed by Edward Dmytryk

5.00 Open Golf. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the third round of the 120th Open Championship from the Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Lancashire

7.05 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather

7.20 Denis Mitchell.

● CHOICE: Like many pioneers, the film-maker Denis Mitchell saw his innovations become so much part of common usage that they ceased to be startling. His own reputation suffered in the process. But it is right to be reminded of Mitchell's impact on factual television when he started out in the Fifties. He was one of the first to take the cameras into the streets and capture the lives of ordinary people. He was bold enough to dispense with a commentary. Above all he handled his material with the sensitivity of an artist. A season of five Mitchell films opens with one of his finest. *Morning in the Streets* is a poetic evocation of life in a northern industrial city, put together from footage shot in Liverpool, Manchester and Salford. It was made more than 30 years ago and deservedly won a Prix Italia. It is preceded by an introduction to Mitchell's work, including interviews with Mitchell himself

8.20 Bringing It All Back Home: The Light of Other Days. Part four of the series about the influence of Irish music. For centuries Irish harp music was the preserve of the aristocracy and when 17thcentury baroque music also became popular with the nobility the two traditions combined to produce a composer of unusual quality in Turlough Carolan. Featuring the music of Carolan, Sean O'Riada, Peadar O Riada and Chor Cuil Aodh, and the influential modern American composer John Cage

9.15 Alan Clarke Season: Contact. Third in a season of dramas by one of television's outstanding directors, who died last year. This powerful film from 1985 tells the story of soldiers on border patrol in Northern Ireland. It follows the routine of one army unit on patrol in "bandit country", where the tension is unremitting and "contact" (army parlance for an armed exchange with terrorists) is a constant possibility. Starring Sean Chapman as the platoon commander, John Blundell as the corporal and Ozzie Stevens as the lance corporal (r)

10.20 Video Diaries: Promise You Won't Let Them Out On the Streets.

● CHOICE: The rules have to be bent tonight, but for the best of reasons. Steve Cribb, subject of the diary, is confined to a wheelchair and a woman helper operates the camera. It is still very much his film. He is a tireless campaigner for civil rights, particularly for the rights of the disabled. In common with 30,000 Londoners he is unable to use the capital's buses because they are not designed for wheelchairs. Unlike most of the others he tries to do something about it, organising a wheelchair "sit-in" in Oxford Street. He brings central London to a standstill, sits resolutely in the path of a 503 bus giving press interviews and is arrested for obstruction. The incident leads to a television confrontation with the transport minister, Roger Freeman. Steve washes his hair specially. There is much humour in the film, but also a serious message. The disabled, says Steve, are not special, brave or tragic, just people. (Ceefax)

11.10 Open Golf. Steve Rider introduces highlights of the third round Open Golf Championship from Royal Birkdale

11.50 Film: No Way To Treat A Lady (1968). Slickly executed macabre comedy starring Lee Remick, who died this month, Rod Steiger and George Segal. Steiger plays a psychotic killer of women, with a penchant for bizarre disguises. Segal is the harassed policeman who starts getting phone calls from the killer and reluctantly builds up a strange alliance with him. Directed by Jack Smight. Ends at **1.00am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am

9.25 Children's ITV: Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge and Sabra Williams plus visiting pop stars Dannii Minogue and Kim Appleby. Also making an appearance are Andrea Arnold from *A Beetle Called Derek* and Russell Winter, the UK junior surf champion

11.30 A Beetle Called Derek. Environmental series presented by Andrea Arnold. This week she examines the less glamorous side of the fashion business with its sweat shops, fur farms and waste

12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Wham!

1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather

1.10 World Sport Special including the UK Grand Prix from Silverstone and the New Zealand Rally

1.40 International Rugby Union. Frank Bough introduces highlights of the Fiji v England match from Suva, with commentary by John Taylor and Gareth Chilcott

2.35 Film: Panic in Bangkok for Agent OSS 117 (1964). Kerwin Mathews stars in a ludicrous Franco-Italian spy thriller set on the streets of Bangkok. An evil doctor plans world domination by releasing a deadly virus to contaminate the inferior inhabitants. With Pier Angeli, Robert Hossein and Stuart Nesbitt. Directed by Andre Hunebelle

4.45 Cartoon Time

5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather

5.15 MacGyver. When secret agent and science whiz MacGyver (Richard Dean Anderson) learns about a plot to assassinate the leaders of an anti-terrorist brigade, he becomes the killers' next target

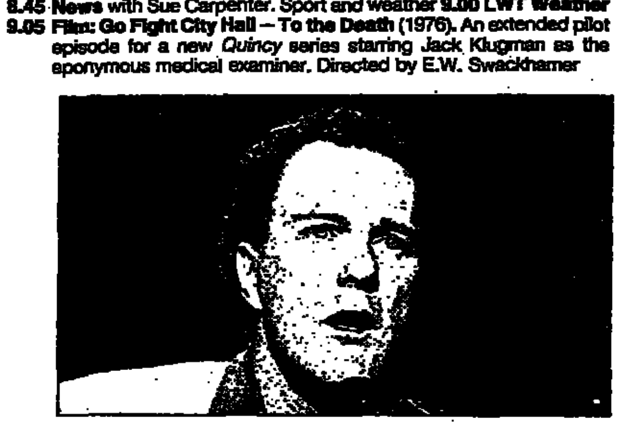
6.15 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show for newlywed couples

7.00 The Two of Us: At Last. Ashley (Nicholas Lyndhurst) and Elaine (Janet Dibley) finally decide on marriage but is cousin Vincent (Jim Barclay) really the man to perform the ceremony? (r)

7.45 Agatha Christie's's Poirot: The Veiled Lady. David Suchet stars as Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot. Poirot and Captain Hastings (Hugh Fraser) are summoned to a mysterious meeting with a woman determined to preserve her anonymity. Meanwhile Inspector Japp (Philip Jackson) is investigating a daring jewel robbery. (r). (Teletext)

8.45 News with Sue Carpenter. Sport and weather **9.00 LWT Weather**

9.05 Film: Go Fight City Hall — To the Death (1976). An extended pilot episode for a new *Quincy* series starring Jack Klugman as the eponymous medical examiner. Directed by E.W. Swackhamer



Fast words and pithy songs: Richard Digance (10.25pm)

10.25 Richard Digance.

● CHOICE: The East End lad starts a weekly series with a very moderate stand-up routine which gets its biggest laugh with a joke about Arthur Scargill. Better is luckily to follow. Digance is an engaging performer, with the ability to transcend his material. He has the barrow boy's way with quickfire patter, his timing is sharp and he knows how to "play" an audience. His most effective contributions are his songs, serio-comic meditations on a working class childhood. Support tonight comes from Suzi Quatro, delivering her new single through what seems like a thin mist, and Chris Peach, a jolly chap from Dorset who does farmyard impersonations. And we thought the music-hall was dead. The show deserves a better set. It should be done in a variety theatre, not a tarted up television studio where the audience looks as if it has been accommodated on temporary scaffolding

10.55 Spitting Back. A selection of skits with the vitriolic puppets

11.25 Film: Ordinary People (1980). Robert Redford's accomplished directorial début for which he deservedly won an Oscar. Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore star as an upper middle class suburban couple devastated by the death of their oldest son in a sailing accident. Their other son (Timothy Hutton) survived the tragedy and is consumed with guilt, although there was nothing he could have done to save his brother

1.45 Bhangra Beat. Series focusing on Asian music

2.15 BMX Champs. The European championships **3.15 Wrestling**

4.15 The Hit Man and Her. Disco music, news and fashions

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **7.00 Crosstalk.** Young people's discussion programme **7.30 High 5.** New series on unusual sports **8.00 Trans World Sport.**

9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing.** Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (*r*)

9.30 A Century of Childhood: Broken Homes. Series exploring the changing experience of childhood in the 20th century. Single parent families are now an accepted part of society but in the early years of the century, children from broken homes faced prejudice and poverty. With signing and subtitles (r)

10.00 Check Out 91. Investigative consumer series (*r*). (Teletext)

10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic Fifties western series

11.30 Australian Rules Football. Essendon v North Melbourne

12.30 The Munsters (b/w). Comic adventures of a bizarre household (r)

1.00 Film: Walk, Don't Run (1966). Charming romantic comedy set during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. Cary Grant, in his last film role, stars as a visiting British industrialist unable to find anywhere to stay until he talks to Samantha Eggar, who reluctantly agrees to let him share her apartment. Unknown to Eggar, Grant then smuggles American athlete Jim Hutton into the flat, arousing the suspicions of Eggar's boyfriend, stuffy John Standing. Directed by Charles Walters. Remake of a second world war film set in Washington, *The More the Merrier.*

3.10 Channel 4 Racing From Newmarket. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 3.15, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.45 races

5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)

6.30 Tour de France 1991. Stage 14 — from St Gaudens to Castres, a distance of 171km

7.00 The World This Week. Includes a discussion on the prospects of peace in the Middle East. With **News** headlines and weather

8.00 Kingdoms of the East: The Leopard That Changed Its Spots. An documentary from the *Survival* team about the work of Indian conservationist Billy Argan Singh at the wildlife sanctuary he has created in India's Northern Province. Singh is an expert on big cats and was presented with Harriet, a very young, orphaned leopard cub. He has raised her for three years at the sanctuary but the time is coming when he must let her return to the jungle. This programme includes footage of leopards in the wild. Narrated by Andrew Sachs (r). (Teletext)

Love consummate: Jeanne Moreau, Jean-Marc Bory (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: The Lovers (1958, b/w).

● CHOICE: Louis Malle's elegant study of a bored woman's affair with a young student proved too much for the British Transport Commission, which refused to display a poster in London Underground stations. Its excuse was that nude pictures encouraged people to write offensive things on them. The picture was not even from the film but of Rodin's sculpture, *The Kiss*. The film itself also raised eyebrows, thanks to a lengthy scene of lovemaking. Malle's colleague, François Truffaut, called it the first night of love in the French cinema. It is unlikely to shock anybody now. Jeanne Moreau, then coming to the height of her powers as a screen actress, plays the rich wife trapped in a loveless marriage. Jean-Marc Bory is the young man who provides a way of escape. It is characteristic of this sensitive, lyrical and never prurient film that their passion is consummated to the music of Brahms

10.45 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah brings together three generations of men, meeting the grown-up sons and grandsons they did not know they had (r)

11.35 The Dunera Boys. A two-part, fact-based drama from Australia. During the second world war German and Austrian emigrés were interned and later deported because of fears that they were Nazi spies. Here the focus is on four fictional characters who were shipped off to a POW camp in the middle of the Outback — a young Jewish concert violinist (Joseph Spano), a German-born East End fish-stall owner (Bob Hoskins), an office-worker who seems to be losing his mind (Warren Mitchell) and a Prussian aristocrat (Joseph Furst). Strongly acted and a cut above the average (r)

1.25am Tour de France 1991. Repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at **1.50**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 Mapletown 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Bearcats 5.00 240 Robert 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 10.00 Superstars of Wrestling 11.00 Freddy's Nightmares 12.00 The Last Laugh 12.30am Film: Island of Sister Theresa 2.30 Pages from Skytext

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase, incl 7.40 Entertainment Tonight

8.00 The Four Musketeers (1974): Swashbuckling continuation of Richard Lester's *The Three Musketeers*. Starring Oliver Reed

10.00 License to Drive (1988): A teenager fails his driving test and borrows his father's vintage car to take out his dream date. Starring Corey Haim

12.00 Ghost Chase (1988): A teenage film-maker teams up with the ghost of his grandfather's butler to bring down a Hollywood mogul. Starring Jason Lively

2.00pm The Incredible Hulk Returns (1988): Starring Lou Ferrigno, Bill Bixby

4.00 Iron Eagle II (1988): Louis Gossett Jr heads a joint US/Soviet mission to destroy a weapons centre in the Middle East

5.40 Entertainment Tonight

6.00 Options (1988): An American agent is plunged into a perilous adventure when he tries to buy the life story of an African princess. Starring Matt Salinger

8.00 Rod Stewart Live in Concert from Hamburg on his world *Vagabond Tour*

10.00 Chicago Joe and the Showgirl (1989): An American GI and a teenage dancer embark on a series of adventures which lead to murder. Starring Kiefer Sutherland and Emily Lloyd

11.45 Loose Screws (1985): Comedy sequel to *Screwballs*, set in a school for troublesome students

1.15am My Stepmother Is an Alien (1988): An scientist (Dan Aykroyd) marries a beautiful extra-terrestrial (Kim Basinger)

3.00 Return of the Living Dead Part Two (1988): Comedy horror in which the brain-hungry zombies are set free by two grave-robbers

4.25 She Was Marked for Murder (1988): Stefanie Powers uncovers some chilling secrets about her husband. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am The Magic Sword (1962): A young knight rescues a damsel in distress

8.15 Longarm (1988): Comedy western about a tough marshall with an eye for the ladies. Starring John T. Terlesky

10.15 Wee Willie Winkie (1937): A young girl becomes the mascot of a British regiment in India. Starring Shirley Temple

12.15pm The Detective (1954): G.K. Chesterton's sleuthing priest, Father Brown, has to prevent the theft of a priceless cross

2.15 The Bradys: Big Kids, Big Problems: More adventures with the Brady Bunch

4.15 Last of the Red-Hot Lovers (1972): A restaurateur (Alan Arkin) uses his mother's apartment to entertain three different women

6.15 Back to the Future 2 (1989): Comedy as Michael J. Fox travels both forward and backward in time to thwart his arch rival

8.15 Moon Over Parador (1988): An American actor impersonates a recently deceased Latin American dictator. Starring Richard Dreyfuss

10.00 Spotlight

10.25 Cousins (1989): Romantic comedy following two couples through their respective affairs with each other's spouses Starring Ted Danson, Isabella Rossellini

12.20am Wired (1989): Biopic of the short life and fast times of comedian John Belushi

2.10 Family Business (1989): Three generations of a New York family plan a million-dollar heist. Starring Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman and Matthew Broderick

4.05 The Dead Can't Lie (1988): A man is haunted by the ghost of his late wife. Starring Tommy Lee Jones. Ends at 5.45

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 9.30am Primetime Wrestling 11.00 Red Line 12.00 Australian Rugby League 2.00pm The World Student Games 5.15 Motor World 5.45 WWF Wrestling Challenge 6.45 The World Student Games 10.00 World Championship Ringside 12.00 The World Student Games

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 8.00am Motorsport 9.00 Rowing Luzern 10.00 Football European Championships Ladies Final Denmark 11.30 Trial Frejus 12.00 Live Tennis Mercedes Cup Stuttgart 2.00pm Live Cycling Tour de France 3.30 Live Jumping La Baule; Tennis Mercedes Cup 5.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Motorsport 7.30 Tennis Mercedes Cup 9.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 10.30 Jumping La Baule Highlights

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite. 7.30am British Touring Car Championships 8.00 Sport de France 8.30 120th British Open Golf 10.00 Motor Sport Indy Car 11.00 Motor Sport: 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Tennis 2.30 British Motor Sport 3.00 American Football 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 Sport de France 5.30 Pro Superbike 6.00 UK Athletics 7.00 Motor Sport 7.30 International Amateur Cycling 8.00 Copa America 1991 10.00 120th British Open Golf 11.30 Fight Night at the Forum 1.00am Nations Cup Dancing 2.00 US Pro Box 3.00 Major League Football 5.00 Grand Prix Sailing 6.00 Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite. 12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 Aerobic Championships 2.35 New Candid Camera 3.05 The Lost Hero: Wallenberg 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 World Student Games 12.25 Film: Brubaker 2.50 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Matlock 4.55 Backstage 5.00-5.30 This is America, Charlie Brown

BORDER

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 C.U.4 2.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 3.00-5.00 Film: Scott of the Antarctic 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 Film: Outland 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Alison Moyet 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

CENTRAL

As London except: 2.35pm-5.00 Film: The World of Suzie Wong 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 Film: The Gauntlet 1.20 Friday the 13th — The Series 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 Film: Billion Dollar Threat 4.35 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.35 Hard Time on Planet Earth 3.30-5.00 Film: Tiger of the Seven Seas 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.30 Shaka Zulu 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Alison Moyet 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.35pm The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.30 Aerobic Championships 4.00-5.00 German Touring Car Championships 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25-1.45am Film: The Fighter

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 Seall 2.35 The Munsters Today 3.05-5.00 Film: Holiday for Lovers 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 The Two Mrs Grenvilles 1.10 Back to Stax 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Film: The Duke of West Point 4.40 Pop Profile 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 The South West Week 2.35 Coca Cola International Triathlon 3.35-5.00 Film: Once a Hero 11.25 Film: Wait Until Dark 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Alison Moyet 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TVS

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 Motorsport Special 2.35 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.30-5.00 Film: Tiger by the Tail 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 America's Top Ten 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Ice Hockey 3.40 Murphy's Law 4.40 Music Box Profile 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES

As London except: 2.35pm Horse Trials 3.35 Coca Cola Triathlon 4.35-5.00 Who's The Boss? 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 Film: Connecting Rooms 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Alison Moyet 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 4.55 Pop Profile 5.05-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 The Munsters Today 2.40 Wrestling 3.40-5.00 Asterix and Cleopatra 5.15-6.15 Highway to Heaven 11.25 Film: House of the Long Shadows 1.25 The Twilight Zone 1.50 Alison Moyet 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.05-5.30 Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.10pm-1.40 Soccer in the Seventies 2.35-5.00 Film: Satan Never Sleeps 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 11.25 World Student Games 12.25am Film: The Asphyx 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.15-5.30 The Best in Football

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 High 5 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News 9.04 C4 Racing 9.25 Slot Sadwrn 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30 Kabaddi 1.00 Film: Walk, Don't Run 3.10 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket 5.10 Brookside 6.30 Tour de France 7.00 Newyddion 7.10 Gemau Heb Ffiniau 8.40 Golf 9.10 Call of the Fish Eagle 9.40 Film: The Rebel 11.35 Frank's Place 12.05 Oprah Winfrey Show 12.55 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 10.35am Rocky Hollow 10.40 Ducktales 11.05 The Minikins 11.30 Storybook International 11.55 Haydaze 12.25 The Disney Hour 1.15 News followed by The Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race 3.40 Film: Men in War (Robert Ryan, Aldo Ray) 5.30 Family Ties 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 All Change 6.40 Tar Amach Faoin Aer 7.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 Murphy's Australia 9.00 News 9.20 The Tall Ships in Cork Port 9.50 Van der Valk 11.40 The Lonesome Pine Specials 12.40 News 12.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Wings Over the World 8.00 News 8.05 All The Rivers Run 9.05 North View 10.00 Film: Champion 11.45 Close

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Get Out de Way: Andy Kershaw visited last year's Barbados Cropover to celebrate the end of the sugar-cane harvest in July and early August. He talked to Eddy Grant and soca stars the Mighty Gabby and the Mighty Grynner 3.00 The Saturday Sequence 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show 10.00 In Concert: Living Colour at Leeds University; the Violent Femmes at the Town and Country Club 11.00 John Peel 2.00-4.00am Tim Smith (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm Jimmy's Cricket Team (*r*) 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Acker's Away: Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band 4.30 Raymond Froggatt in Concert 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Movie Quiz 6.00 Bob Sinfield: Songs for Swinging Scribblers. Bob Sinfield presents songs about the famous and infamous (*r*) 7.00 The A B Seaside Quiz from Brighton 7.30 The Mountbatten Festival of Music 1991: A gala concert in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children and Royal Naval and Royal Marines charities, recorded earlier this year at the Albert Hall, in the presence of the Princess of Wales 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties (*r*) 1.00am Patrick Lunt with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 On Your Marks 12.00 News and Sport: Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Win two tickets to the British Motorcycling Grand Prix at Donington Park. Tel: 0345 909893 1.30 The Open: Third round of the 120th Open Golf Championship from the Royal Birkdale Golf Club; Motorcycling: Practise sessions for tomorrow's French 500cc Grand Prix; Cricket: Scoreboards from the Britannic Assurance County Championships, incl 6.00 News 7.15 Talking Poetry: Travel (*r*) 7.45 As Radio 4 10.00 Sports Bulletin 10.15 As Radio 4 11.00 Sport 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (*r*) 12.00-12.15am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live: News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 Master Singers, Rosa Ponselle 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.05 Waveguide 10.15 Worldbrief 10.30 Personal View 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.15 Club 648 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Letter from America 6.29 News 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Write On... 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Club 648 8.45 From the Weeklies 9.00 News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Short Story: The Chaplin Garden 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am Words of Faith 12.10 Book Choice 12.15 A Jolly Good Show 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Ken Bruce Show 2.00 News 2.01 Play of the Week: The Quiet American (2) 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Taking Issue Around the UK 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 From Our Own Correspondent 4.35 Write On... 4.45 News and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather; News

7.00 Morning Concert: Spohr (Nonet in F, Op 31) 7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Balakirev (Symphonic poem, Tamara); Brahms (Six Pieces, Op 118); Barber (Dover Beach, Op 3) 8.30 News

8.35 Ulster Orchestra under Adrian Leaper performs Schumann (Overture, Manfred); Grieg (Holberg Suite); Sibelius (Symphony No 7) (r)

9.30 Record Release: Mozart, arr Triebensee (La clemenza di Tito — extracts); Beethoven (Sonata No 4 in E flat, Op 7); S.S. Wesley (Ascribe unto the Lord); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 6)

11.00 Chamber Music from Birmingham: Alexander Baillie, cello, Andrew Ball, piano, perform Stravinsky (Suite Italienne); Bach (Suite No 4 in E flat, BWV 1010); Schubert (Sonata in A minor, Arpeggione, D 821), Fauré (Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 109) (r)

12.50pm Table Talk: The country and western singer Hank Wangford meanders around the sausage stalls in London's Portobello Road (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Montserrat Cabellé: Nine opera recordings made by the Spanish soprano Montserrat Caballé The first is Puccini's four-act opera *La Bohème*, performed by the Wandsworth School Boys' Choir; John Alldis Choir; LPO under Georg Solti. Sung in Italian. With Montserrat Caballé, soprano, as Mimi; and Placido Domingo, tenor, as Rodolfo

3.00 Mozart: The pianist Christopher Kite plays the Piano Sonata in D, K 284, on a copy of a Stein fortepiano (r)

3.30 Dvorák and Martinů: BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Martin Turnovsky performs Dvorák (The Wild Dove, Op 110); Martinů (Symphony No 3) (r)

4.25 Berg and Brahms: Janet Hilton, clarinet, Ronan O'Hora, piano, perform Berg (Four Pieces, Op 5); Brahms (Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2)

5.00 Jazz Record Requests

5.45 Mozart on Record: John Warrack on contrasting interpretations of the Sinfonia Concertante in E flat for violin, viola and orchestra, K 364 (r)

6.45 Chopin (Four Mazurkas, Op 33; Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58: Janina Fialkowska, piano) (r)

7.30 Proms '91: Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs Walton (March, Crown Imperial); Bliss (Piano Concerto: Piers Lane). 8.20 The Queen's Hall. Andrew Green examines the history of the concert venue. 8.40 Arnold (Guitar Concerto: Julian Bream); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 8 in D minor)

9.40 Snapshots for Ever

● CHOICE: What the cultural historian Adrian Rifkin actually says in his talk inspired by seminal photographs evokes the period graphically, by concentrating on the human dimension. Tonight's pictures were taken before the blood began to flow in the Paris Commune of 1871 and show barricade people in a limbo between tension and inertia. They live on, as Rifkin says, in the annals of political mythology. They most emphatically do not live on, however, in the anachronistic music that breaks up the narrative — snatches from Cole Porter's "I Love Paris", the Fauré *Requiem*, and Thirties cabaret songs (Trenet? Sablon?)

9.55 Mark-Anthony Turnage (Kai Ulrich Heinen, cello; Birmingham Contemporary Music Group under Rattle) (*r*)

10.20 Dawn Upshaw: The first London recital by the American soprano, given last April at the Wigmore Hall, accompanied by the pianist Gilbert Kalish. Purcell, real Britten (The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation); Schumann (Jemand; Hochländers Abschied; Aus den hebräischen Gesängen; Hochländers Wiegenlied; Myrthen); Strauss (Three Songs of Ophelia, Op 67); Schubert (Three Songs of Ellen, D 837-9); Harbison (Song-cycle, Simple Daylight — first European performance); Rachmaninov (The Muse, Op 34 No 1; The Pied Piper, Op 38 No 4; In My Garden at Night, Op 38 No 1; Daisies, Op 38 No 3; What Wealth of Rapture, Op 34 No 12) 12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day 6.55 Weather 7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.55, 8.55 Weather 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4

9.30 Breakaway: Liz Kershaw rediscovers her youth at Butlin's

10.00 News; Beachcomber . . . by the Way: The further adventures of the characters created between the wars by the humorist J.B. Morton (s)

10.30 Families and How to Survive Them: For Better for Worse — Which Way Will the Marriage Go? John Cleese and Dr Robin Skynner with the second of six entertaining studies on relationships (s) (r)

11.00 News; The Week in Westminster

11.30 Europhile

12.00 Money Box Moneycheck: The *Money Box* team dispenses financial advice at the Pump Rooms in Bath (s)

12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the classic panel game (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 News

1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Workington, Cumbria, by Michael Howard, MP; Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP; Jonathon Porritt; and Baroness Perry (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News: Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*

2.30 Saturday Playhouse: The Hunter and the Hill

● CHOICE: Although advertised as such, this is no play that Tom Wright has written. He employs no dialogue in his biography of Robert Louis Stevenson. Someone, at some stage, talks of fragments of life, which is precisely what Wright has strung together so well. There are just three voices: Stevenson's (Paul Young), his American wife's (Colette O'Neil) and his mother's (Diana Olsson). Stevenson speaks in the present tense, recollecting; the others speak as if reading from diaries. Those more interested in RLS's literary accomplishments than his involvement with Samoan politics will be disappointed, but there is compensation on Radio 4 at 7.45 tonight (s)

4.00 Musician at Large: Steve Race celebrates 50 years as a broadcaster (s) (r)

4.30 Science Now, with Alun Lewis

5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor talks to Sir George Christie, the chairman of Glyndebourne (*r*)

5.25 Little Blighty on the Down: Comedy about the topical events in a small village (s) (r) 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather

6.00 News; Sports Round-Up

6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition

7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson eavesdrops on conversations around the country

7.45 Classic Serial: The Beach of Falesa. The first in a series of four short stories by Robert Louis Stevenson in a dramatisation by Robert Forrest. It is set in the racial and cultural melting pot of the South Pacific where an island trader is drawn into a deadly struggle with a fellow Englishman

8.45 Kaleidoscope: Bring on the Albanians! With the curtain due to rise in two weeks on his Florentine production of *Cosi fan tutte*, Dr Jonathan Miller reflects on the progress of rehearsals (s)

9.15 Music in Mind (s)

9.50 Ten to Ten (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 News 10.15 Open Mind

10.45 To Be a Bumpkin: In the first of four programmes, Les Woodland presents a personal view of the Fens and the region's local heroes

11.00 The Tingle Factor: Richard Ingrams (s) (r)

11.30 Edinburgh 90: Fringe Fever. The second of a two-part look behind the scenes at last year's Edinburgh Fringe (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Ends at **8.50**

8.55 Playdays (r) **9.15 Movable Feasts.** Children's multi-faith drama-documentary series (r) **9.30 This is the Day.** Worship from a family holiday on the Grand Union Canal

10.00 Film: Anna and the King of Siam (1946, b/w). Handsomely-mounted story of a 19th century English governess who arrives in Bangkok to teach the monarch's 67 children. With Irene Dunne and Rex Harrison in the title roles. Directed by John Cromwell. The plot formed the basis for the musical, *The King and I*.

12.05 Sign Extra: QED — The Boy Who Draws Buildings. Subtitled and sign language version of a film about an autistic draughtsman, for the hearing-impaired **12.30 Country File** presented by John Craven. Wales: Farming in Wales **12.55 Weather**

In defence of the bodice-ripper: Jilly Cooper (1.00pm)

1.00 News followed by **Speaking Volumes.**

● CHOICE: The crime writer P.D. James hosts a new series of the show in which three guests talk about recently issued paperbacks. It is probably the best formula for a books programme, one tried and tested in the old Melvyn Bragg series, *Read All About It*, and also in Radio 4's *A Good Read*. Since the books are selected independently there can be no suspicion of publishers pushing for air time and being paperbacks they may actually carry an affordable price. Today's guests are Nigella Lawson, Gordon Williams and Terry Pratchett and their choices are Anita Brookner's *Brief Lives*, David Martin's *Lie to Me* and *The Difference Engine* by Gibson and Sterling. A new component to *Speaking Volumes* is a feature in which writers talk about literary genres, starting with Jilly Cooper on romantic fiction. It is a pity the programme goes out just when most of the population is sitting down to Sunday lunch

1.45 Betty Boop Double Bill (r) **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)

3.00 Dallas. The original high-glitz soap. JR's desperation to get Ewing Oil back leads him into a trap. (Ceefax) **3.45 The Flintstones.** Cartoon

4.10 Clothes Show Classics. Caryn Franklin reports on a fashion week in Trinidad and Tobago (r)

4.45 Safari UK: The Living Isles — Streams of Life. The journey through Britain explores the impact of the end of the Ice Age, when water began flowing again through the ice-carved landscape. The legacy is salmon swimming upstream to breed, and fenlands where birds have chosen to make their home (r). (Ceefax)

5.25 1991 International Air Tattoo. Noel Edmonds introduces live coverage of Europe's largest airshow from RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire

6.15 Lifeline. Michael Elphick appeals on behalf of the Crypt Foundation

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather

6.40 Titchmarsh's Travels. Alan Titchmarsh visits three places of pilgrimage in southern Ireland — Knock, Croagh Patrick and Lough Derg

7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's durable bitter-sweet comedy about a married woman (Wendy Craig) and her mid-life crisis. Ben and Ria return from Paris and find illegal substances have been used at their sons' party in the house (r). (Ceefax)

7.45 Around the World in Eighty Days: Arabian Frights. Michael Palin continues his diverting re-creation of Jules Verne's fictional journey by leaving Europe for Islamic countries, where timetables are not so easy to come by (r). (Ceefax)

8.35 For Those I Loved. Mini-series about one man dealt a losing hand by life but still always managing to come out on top. A wealthy businessman survives the Warsaw ghetto and nazi concentration camps in the second world war to make his fortune in the US. But his world is thrown into turmoil when a fire threatens his family on his estate in France. Michael York takes the title role in this three-part adaptation of Martin Gray's best-seller

10.30 Heart of the Matter: Red Light, Green Light. In the last of the series Joan Bakewell asks whether prostitution should be legalised

11.05 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. Sitcom about a madcap modern girl and her efforts to get her life totally together. Starring Blair Brown

11.30 When in Germany. A five-part series on Germany and the Germans begins in Hamburg (r)

12.00 Mahabharat. Subtitled Indian epic (r)

12.40am Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University.

12.00 Regional Parliamentary Programmes. Northern Ireland: Country Times; Wales: Sign Extra

12.30 Scrutiny. Iain MacWhirter reports on parliamentary committees. (Ceefax)

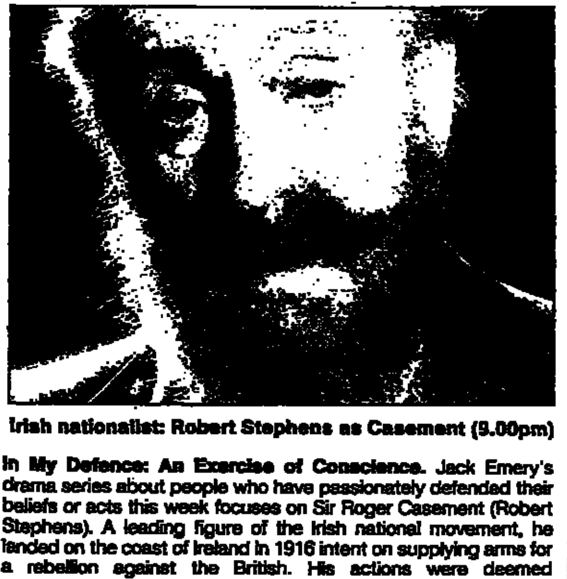
1.00 Urban Transport and the Growth of Harlem. An Open university programme, presented by historian Richard Bessell, examining the growth of New York's rapid transit systems and how they changed the face of the city

1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Royal Birkdale. Live coverage of the final 18 holes of the 120th Open golf championship. The winner will receive a silver claret jug as well as being £90,000 the richer. Commentatary by Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon

6.30 One Man and his Dog. Phil Drabble introduces the Irish heat of the sheep-handling contest as three competitors — Gordon Watt with Roy, Liam Marley with Lass and John McSwiggan with Moss — do battle for a place in the semi-finals. Commentary by Ray Ollerenshaw

7.15 Wildlife Classics: Kingdom of the Ice Bear — The Land of Beyond. The series of repeated nature documentaries continues with a look at the resilient denizens of the Arctic, where summer lasts a mere two months. Two-day old Barnacle geese chicks launch themselves from their 200ft-high cliff-top nests, a ptarmigan caught in a snow drift will sit for 30 hours buried beneath 2ft of snow to ensure the survival of her eggs. Other species featured include the shaggy musk oxen, caribou and the largest hares in the world (r)

8.10 Redemption Song: La Grande Illusion. Stuart Hall's exploration of Caribbean culture reaches the island of Martinique. The French Caribbean presents a different world from the rest of the islands with its wealth much in evidence — new motorways, Parisian-style shops, modern hypermarkets and expensively dressed inhabitants. The Jamaican-born Hall meets the French author and mayor of Fort de France, Aime Cesaire, as well as other members of the local population. (Ceefax)



Irish nationalist: Robert Stephens as Casement (9.00pm)

9.00 In My Defence: An Exercise of Conscience. Jack Emery's drama series about people who have passionately defended their beliefs or acts this week focuses on Sir Roger Casement (Robert Stephens). A leading figure of the Irish national movement, he landed on the coast of Ireland in 1916 intent on supplying arms for a rebellion against the British. His actions were deemed treasonable and he was tried by a court he refused to recognise. The speech he gave defending the cause, elements of which were suggested to him by George Bernard Shaw, was a stunning piece of reasoned oratory. It did him no good. He was hanged the same year. (Ceefax)

9.30 Open Golf. Highlights of the final round of the 120th Open golf championship from Royal Birkdale, introduced by Steve Rider

10.15 Moviedrome. Alex Cox introduces **The Duellists** (1977). Ridley Scott's first feature film is a stylish adaptation of Joseph Conrad's short story *A Point of Honour*. Two Hussars embark on a series of duels of honour in 1880 Strasbourg. Their battles continue for 16 years, despite the intervention of others and the Napoleonic wars raging around them. Two fine American actors (Keith Carradine and Harvey Keitel) take the leading roles while familiar Brits (Albert Finney, Tom Conti, Edward Fox) provide excellent support. The film is stunning to look at, but the script fails to provide a satisfactory motivation for this long and bitter conflict

11.55 Film: Cape Fear (1962, b/w). J. Lee Thompson's tough and exciting thriller about a sadistic sex offender (Robert Mitchum), who on his release from jail embarks on a vendetta against the lawyer (Gregory Peck) he holds responsible for his conviction. With Polly Bergen, Martin Balsam and Telly Savalas. Currently being remade by Martin Scorsese with Peck, Mitchum and Balsam appearing once again. (Ceefax). Ends at **1.45am**

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6.00 TV-am

9.25 Film: Cinderella (1989). A Czech version of the Brothers Grimm fairy tale

10.45 Link. Do doctors and other professionals try to make disabled people appear normal for social reasons only?

11.00 Morning Worship. From St Peter's in Boyatt Wood, Hampshire

12.00 Heartland. Philip Lewis, who advises the Bishop of Bradford, discusses inter-faith links. Presented by John Swinfield

12.25 Way of the Lakes. The beauty of the Lake District National Park (r) **12.55 LWT News** and weather

1.00 News with Richard Bath. Weather

1.10 International Rugby Union. Highlights of Wales v Australia

2.05 Film: Bhowani Junction (1956). Lumpy epic set in post-war Pakistan where a young Anglo-Indian woman is caught in a conflict between love and loyalty. Starring Ava Gardner and Stewart Granger. Directed by George Cukor

4.05 Film: A Place To Go (1963, b/w). A modish panorama of London low life starring Mike Sarne, Rita Tushingham and Bernard Lee. Directed by Basil Dearden **5.45 Cartoon Time**

6.00 City Safari. How London's wildlife colonised the bomb sites of London after the Blitz (r)

6.30 News with Richard Bath. Weather **6.35 LWT News** and weather

6.40 Castle's Abroad. Roy Castle visits Provence. (Oracle)

7.15 Watching. Re-run of the sitcom about a troubled romance (r)

Beauty to beast: Jean Simmons as Miss Havisham (7.45pm)

7.45 Great Expectations.

● CHOICE: The Dickens favourite comes to the small screen in a £4 million version from HTV, which on the evidence of the late Ray McAnally's appearance must have been shot at least two years ago. The script is by John Goldsmith, a straightforward adaptation which sticks closely to the book and maintains a clear narrative line. There is little of the visual flair that distinguished David Lean's superb 1946 cinema film, though six one-hour episodes should mean little compression of the plot or the need to eliminate lesser characters. The link with the Lean version is provided by Jean Simmons, then the beautiful Estella and now, thanks to skilled make-up, the grotesque Miss Havisham. Anthony Hopkins plays Magwitch, a shade excessively, and Martin Harvey is an appealing, if well-scrubbed, young Pip. As good as anyone is John Rhys-Davies, as the simple, suffering blacksmith, Joe Gargery. (Oracle)

8.45 News with Richard Bath. Weather **9.00 LWT Weather**

9.05 Chimera. *Episode three of the four part thriller serial set in the* sinister world of genetic engineering. Starring John Lynch, Kenneth Cranham and Christine Kavanagh. (Oracle)

10.05 The Dame Edna Experience. The Melbourne megastar is joined by Tom Jones, Gerald Durrell and Lauren Bacall (r). (Oracle)

10.55 Sex Now.

● CHOICE: The sexual revolution was supposed to have taken place in the Sixties. The revolutionaries are now well into middle age. Some of them surface in tonight's programme, the first in a series which attempts to chart changes in sexual behaviour. It draws on a Sunday newspaper poll which claims to provide "the most comprehensive picture of sexuality in Britain" over the past three decades. Whether 1,000 people constitute a valid sample is another matter. *Sex Now* proceeds as if they so. At any rate the findings suggest consistent trends on such matters as sex before marriage and outside it. The poll is reinforced by sexual diaries kept by a group of volunteers. To maintain confidentiality they are played by actors. Germaine Greer appears as herself, wondering whether the revolution was worth while. Curiously, there is little mention of Aids. Perhaps we shall hear more of it later. (Oracle)

11.25 The River Thames. How trade on the Thames was crucial for the growth of London (r)

11.55 World Student Games. Highlights from Sheffield

12.55 The ITV Chart Show (r)

1.55 New Music. More celebrity interviews and pop videos

2.55 Pick of the Week. The best from the regions

3.30 Film: The Black Torment (1964) starring Heather Sears and John Turner. Passable horror-thriller set in 18th century England. Directed by Robert Hartford-Davis

5.00 The Magic Wok. More Chinese culinary delights

5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas.** Children's drama series **8.55 Kid 'n' Play.** The animated adventures of two characters from the film *House Party*.

9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Indian drama serial set in the state of Mysore during the 18th century. In Hindi with English subtitles

10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. David Howell, MP, chairman of the foreign affairs select committee, on the G7 summit; and a look at the still active SDP peers

10.45 Dennis. Cartoon about a mischievous young tearaway

11.00 The Beverly Hillbillies (b/w). Jed (Buddy Ebsen) is made bank vice-president to enable him to compete in an inter-bank shoot **11.30 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Vintage Western adventures **12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (b/w). Admiral Nelson (Richard Basehart) becomes involved in spying in Venice

2.00 Film: For Me and My Gal (1942, b/w). Vigorous MGM musical starring Judy Garland and, in his first screen appearance, Gene Kelly. As a free-wheeling dancer out to make a name for himself in vaudeville, Kelly teams up with Garland just before the first world war. Their ambition is to play the Palace Theatre in New York but it looks as though war may intervene. With George Murphy. Directed by the celebrated choreographer, Busby Berkeley

3.55 The Best of For Love or Money. Updated highlights of the art and antiques collecting show

4.25 Pursuit of Power. Adam Raphael interviews Kenneth Clarke, the *education secretary, about his personal beliefs and values*

4.55 News summary and weather followed by **Family Pride.** Birmingham-set soap opera about three Asian families

5.30 Tour de France 1991. Stage 15 — Albi to Ales, a distance of 233.5km

6.30 The Cosby Show. Award-winning American sitcom following the lives of the Huxtable family. Starring Bill Cosby

Campaign against salmon farms: a local of Connemara (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: The Price of Salmon.

● CHOICE: Scotch salmon used to be a delicacy for the rich. Now it is in every supermarket and cheaper than cod, haddock or plaice. The key to this revolution is that while salmon used to be *fished, now it is farmed. Salmon farming was an economic miracle* of the Seventies and Eighties, creating jobs and bringing prosperity back to the Highlands. But, as Peter Carr's film reveals, the bubble may have burst. Too much fish is being produced, hence the tumbling prices. Salmon stocks are being ravaged by diseases, such as furunculosis, and infested with sea lice. The chemicals used to combat the sea lice are polluting the sea and poisoning shellfish. Some blame the boom-to-bust cycle on the Crown Estates, which issue the leases for salmon farms. The story has been repeated in the west of Ireland. In Connemara the locals campaigned against fish farms and got their way. (Teletext)

8.00 Time Signs. Series tracing the history of Wolf Valley in Devon

8.30 A Sense of Belonging: The Wilderness. The last in the series about Britain's Jewish community focuses on the spiritual wanderings of seven ordinary and extraordinary people — a holocaust survivor, a painter, a convert, a teacher, a poet, a lawyer and an accountant

9.30 Go Fishing. In Canada angler John Wilson hopes to hook some Arctic grayling and North American trout

10.00 G.B.H: Over and Out. A repeat of the last episode of Alan Bleasdale's compelling drama starring Robert Lindsay and Michael Palin (r). (Teletext)

11.30 The Street. Realistic American police series. Officers Peluso (Bruce MacVittie) and Scolari (Stanley Tucci) investigate an outrageous complaint by an old storekeeper that the nearby waste-disposal plant is incinerating human bodies

12.00 Fathers and Sons. A four-part drama series telling the story of two German dynasties over three generations. Starring Burt Lancaster and Julie Christie (r)

2.35am Tour de France. A repeat of the programme shown at 5.30. Ends at **3.35**

TV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 2.05 Members Only 2.30 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.55 Film: A Song is Born (Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo) 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 Heirloom 11.25 World Student Games 12.25am Film: Gunpowder 2.00 CinemAttractions 2.30 Film: Beatrice Cenci (Georges Wilson, Adrienne La Russa) 4.05 The Twilight Zone 4.30 Vivid 5.00-5.30 America's Top Ten

BORDER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 Cartoon Time 2.15 Heidi 2.45 McCloud: Lady on the Run 4.35 Great British Isles 5.05 Family Theatre 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Quiz Night 12.50 World Student Games 1.50 Film: Operation Daybreak (Timothy Bottoms) 4.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 International Sportsworld 3.10 Film: The Theft of the Mona Lisa 5.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 Wheel of Fortune 11.25 Film: Doctor at Sea 1.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 World Student Games 3.05 The ITV Chart Show 4.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Young Up Front 2.05 Santa Barbara 3.00 Film: The Goldwyn Follies 5.05 An Invitation to Remember (Glenda Jackson) 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Quiz Night 12.50 World Student Games 1.50 Film: Operation Daybreak 4.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portrait of the Wild 1.10 Heidi 2.00 People on Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 Rugby Highlights: Australia v Wales 3.55 Film: Robinson Crusoe 5.30-6.30 Horse Trials 11.25-11.55 Katts and Dog

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 9.25am-10.45 Rugby: Australia v Wales 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Wales on Sunday

TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.05 Coronation Street 3.00 Fisheries News 3.20 Film: Ball of Fire 5.30 The TSW Documentary 6.00-6.30 Coach 11.25 Philip Marlowe — Private Eye 12.20am Quiz Night 12.50 World Student Games 1.50 Film: Operation Daybreak (Timothy Bottoms) 4.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TVS News followed by Agenda 2.05 An Englishman's Home 2.55 Film: The Scarlet and the Black 5.30 Heirloom 6.00-6.30 Tell the Truth 11.25 The Human Factor 11.55 Up the Junction 12.40am The ITV Chart Show 1.40 Film: Eyewitness 3.10 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Aerobic Championship 2.05 Way of the Lakes 2.35 Highway to Heaven 3.35 Film: Dogs to the Rescue 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Quiz Night 12.50 World Student Games 1.50 Film: Operation Daybreak 4.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 Our Future at Their Feet 2.40 Film: Batman 4.35 Murder, She Wrote 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Quiz Night 12.50 World Student Games 1.50 Film: Operation Daybreak 4.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.25pm Heidi in Town 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 Wonderful World of Disney 2.05 International Rugby Union 2.55 Film: The Last Days of Sodom and Gomorrah 5.05 The Last Frontier 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 11.25 World Student Games 12.25am Pick of the Week 12.55 The Twilight Zone 1.25 The ITV Chart Show 2.25 The Shakespeare Trilogy 2.55 Jean Michel Jarre — Bastille Day 4.05 Short Story Theatre 4.35-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Transworld Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J. Kwak 8.00 Rygbi Rhyngwladol 9.30 Listening Eye 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55pm The Three Stooges* 1.15 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Into the Land of Oz 4.00 Film: Night Beat* 5.30 Tour de France 1991 6.30 How to Hunt a Mammoth 6.45 Sen Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan I Fynwy 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Datganiad Gwynne Howell 9.00 Ffiniau Enwedol 9.30 Golff 10.00 GBH 11.30 The Street 12.00 Fathers and Sons 2.35am Tour de France 3.35 Diwedd

NETWORK 2

Starts: 10.45am Sesame Street 11.45 Son of the Sahara 12.00 Ulysses 31 12.30pm Green Fingers 1.00 Golf: British Open 6.15 Cartoon Time 6.30 Nat "King" Cole 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Flying Doctors 7.55 News 8.00 Sunday Game 9.45-11.30 Playhouse

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)

6.55 Weather

7.00 Morning Concert: Handel, arr Beecham (The Gods Go a 'Begging); Nielsen (Pan and Syrinx, Op 49)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Stenhammar (Excelsior, Op 13); Mozart (Serenade in D, K 185/167a)

8.30 News

8.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Sonata and Sinfonia. Vivaldi (Trio Sonata in A minor, RV 86; Sinfonia in G, RV 146; Quartet Sonata in C, RV Anh 66; Concerto ripieno in A, RV 158)

9.15 Walter Klien: The pianist's recorded legacy. Beethoven (Waltz in B); Mozart (Variations on a Minuet by Duport, K 573); Schubert (Piano Sonata in F minor, D 625 — Unfinished); Schumann (Arabesque, Op 18); Brahms (Waltzes, Op 39 — selection)

10.15 Prom Talk: Anthony Burton returns with a new series of the magazine programme highlighting the music and musicians in this year's Proms

10.45 A Modest Profession: The fifth of 12 programmes tracing the recording career of the conductor Antal Dorati. Philharmonia Hungarica performs Bartók (Dance Suite); Haydn (Symphony No 94, The Surprise). Hungarian Radio and Television Chorus; Hungarian State Orchestra perform Liszt (Christmas Oratorio, Christus, part one)

12.35pm Replay

● CHOICE: The latest literary find in Philip French's mining of the BBC archives is this 1953 recording of W.H. Auden talking about *Huckleberry Finn* from which, according to Hemingway, all modern American literature is derived. Auden does not go that far, but he discovers in the novel and its nonconformist hero many pointers to the essential differences between American and British culture, concentrating on three areas — nature, time, and money. Oddly enough, his vision of a misconception-free Anglo-American alliance owes more to sociology than poetry, though Auden's use of *Oliver Twist* as a comparative yardstick restores the literary balance (r)

1.00 News

1.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Guinery. Mozart (Symphony No 36 in C, K 425); Berkeley (Clarinet Quintet); Trad, arr Jackman (Early One Morning); Panufnik (Invocation for Peace); Poulenc (Organ Concerto)

2.30 Joshua Bell, violin, with Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K 454); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2); Ysaye (Sonata in D minor for violin solo, Op 27 No 3); Saint-Saëns (Sonata No 1 in D minor, Op 75)

4.00 Two Late Symphonies: Munich PO under Günter Wand performs Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor, K 550); Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E minor, Op 98)

5.15 Listening to . . . Boulez: Michael Hall considers the use of Mallarmé's poetry in *Pli selon Pli*

6.00 Charpentier: Church music for voices and instruments. London Baroque under Charles Medlam performs Symphonies pour un reposoir; Quam dilecta; Jubilate Deo; Sonate à 8. **6.50** François Raguenet compares French and Italian Baroque music. **6.55** Miserere mei; Ouverture pour le sacre d'un Evêque; Omnes gentes

7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Bernard Haitink performs Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes); Mark-Anthony Turnage (Some Days — first performance). **8.05** Elgar and the Academe. Meirion Hughes examines Elgar's mistrust of the musical establishment and the controversy surrounding his sole academic appointment. **8.25** Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat)

9.30 Critics' Choice: The Art of Success. Winner of the John Whiting Award in 1986, Nick Dear's play relates the life and scatalogical times of the 18th century artist and engraver William Hogarth. Michael Kitchen recreates for radio the role which he originally played in Adrian Noble's RSC production

11.25 Tippett (String Quartet No 3: Chilingirian String Quartet) (r)

12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on **FM**

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) **6.55** Weather

7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Paul Heiney breakfasts with retired dairy farmer Charles Wharton **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather

8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** Jenni Murray speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of an organisation which advises pregnant women of the dangers of toxoplasmosis **8.55** Weather

9.00 News

9.10 Sunday Papers

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service from the Priory Church, Malvern, Worcestershire (s)

10.15 The Archers: Omnibus Edition

11.15 News Stand: Anne Spackman reviews the current crop of magazines and periodicals

11.30 *Pick of the Week*, with Chris Serle (s) (r)

12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Annan (s) (r) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition with Clay Jones and experts

2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Posters of the Moulin Rouge, by John Peacock. *La Goulue* is the third of four plays based on the characters of Montmartre from the posters of Toulouse-Lautrec (s) (r)

3.30 The Radio Programme, with Laurie Taylor (s)

4.00 News: Maps of the Mind: Mapmaker, Mapmaker. The first of two programmes in which Peter Evans appraises ancient and modern mapmaking methods (r)

4.47 Time for Verse: Jackie Kay reads at the Bête Noire Poetry Festival in Hull (s)

5.00 Down Your Way: Sports journalist Ian Wooldridge brushes shoulders with the travellers and personnel at Heathrow's Terminal 4 building (s)

5.40 Letters from the Sticks: Elegy to a Country Churchyard. David Bean dispatches the second of four personal reports on rural life **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 News

6.15 Feedback (r)

6.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)

7.00 Against the State: Of Crowned Heads and Tyrants. In the fourth of eight studies in sedition and rebellion, Brian Redhead explores the history of tyrannicide down the ages (s) (r)

7.30 A Good Read: Edward Blishen invites Anna Ford and Josephine Hart to select four of their favourite paperbacks (s) (r)

8.00 Punters (r)

8.40 Reading Aloud: Clem and the Clubs. Margery Mason reads from her narrative about her entrance into the world of acting in 1927 when she toured working men's clubs with her mother's company, the Nora Clements Players (s)

9.00 News; Enquire Within (r)

9.15 The Natural History Programme: Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling report on how new technology can help nature to repair the scars left by worked-out quarry faces (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 News

10.15 Samaranda: Scenes from a Romance. Michael Johnson narrates a tragic love story which begins in 1915 and charts the ill-fated romance of a beautiful Romanian princess and an English nobleman, soldier and politician. With Janet Suzman and Jonathan Hyde (s) (r)

11.00 In Committee: Patrick Bartlett reviews the work of Parliament's select committees

11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Exciting Language of Prayer. In the first of three meditations, Sylvia Sands considers the theme of "relationship" (s)

12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 The Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Marco Polo: Third of a four-part mini series 11.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Oh God! Book II (1980): The Supreme Being (George Burns) chooses a young boy to spread the word of his Second Coming
10.00 Electric Dreams (1984): Comedy about a modern-day love triangle between an electronics whiz-kid, his computer and the girl upstairs. Starring Lenny Van Dohlen
12.00 The Lady and the Highwayman (1988): Romantic swashbuckler set in 17th century England. Starring Oliver Reed
2.00pm Burning Secret (1988): An amoral baron befriends an asthmatic boy in order to get close to his mother. Starring David Eberts and Faye Dunaway
4.00 Her Alibi (1989): Romantic comedy about a mystery novelist who provides a beautiful murder suspect with an alibi. Starring Tom Selleck, Paulina Porizkova
6.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989): Two teenagers travel back in time to collect facts for an important history exam. Starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter
7.40 Projector
8.00 Eliminators (1986): Science-fiction adventure in which an unlikely team of heroes battles against a power-hungry inventor out to conquer the Earth
10.00 Spontaneous Combustion (1990): Explosive tale of a man who can incinerate people at a glance. Starring Brad Dourif
11.40 The Thirteenth Floor (1988): A young girl witnesses her father carry out a brutal gangland execution and, years later, is haunted by the memory. Starring Lisa Hensley
1.10am Pass the Ammo (1988): A pair of modern-day Robin Hoods plot to steal back money from a fraudulent tele-evangelist
2.40 Moving (1988): Richard Pryor's attempts to move house are thwarted at every turn
4.15 The Bedroom Window (1987): Steve Guttenberg reports a murder, witnessed by his married lover, and becomes the prime suspect. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Comet Quest (1986): Fantasy journey, filmed in "claymation", in which Mark Twain attempts to rendezvous with Halley's comet
8.00 The Adventures of Gerard (1970): A cocky but foolish officer becomes a fall-guy for Napoleon. Starring Peter McEnery
9.40 Will There Really Be a Morning? (1983). Biopic based on the tragic life of Thirties Hollywood film star Frances Farmer
12.15pm Windwalker (1981): A dead Cheyenne warrior is brought back to life to avenge his wife's murder and to find his lost son. Starring Trevor Howard, Nick Ramus
2.10 Romeo and Juliet (1968): Franco Zeffirelli's version of Shakespeare's tragic love story. Starring Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey
4.50 Rocket Gibraltar (1988): The grandchildren of a dying man help him to realise his dream of a Viking funeral. Starring Burt Lancaster
6.20 The Buddy Holly Story (1978): Musical drama about the life and death of the great rock 'n' roll singer. Starring Gary Busey
8.15 Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown (1988): Comedy about a woman (Carmen Maura) who breaks up with her lover
10.15 Personal Services (1986): Comedy inspired by the life of the Streatham "Madame", Cynthia Payne (Julie Walters)
12.00 Sweet Heart's Dance (1988): Comedy drama about a couple whose romance is on the wane. Starring Don Johnson and Susan Sarandon
1.40am Bates Motel (1987): *Psycho*-style horror when Norman Bates bequeathes his notorious motel to his young friend Alex
3.15 The Fringe Dwellers (1987): An Aboriginal family faces prejudice when it moves to an all-white neighbourhood. Starring Kristina Nehm. Ends at 4.55

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
11.00am Australian Rules Football 1.00pm Live Refuge League Cricket 3.30 The World Student Games 10.00 Refuge League Cricket Highlights 12.00 The World Student Games

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Transworld Sport 9.00 Aerobics World Championships 10.00 Live Motorbike Grand Prix Le Castelet; Tennis Mercedes Cup Stuttgart; Cycling Tour de France; Jumping La Baule 5.30pm Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Motorbike Grand Prix Le Castelet 7.30 Tennis Mercedes Cup 10.00 Jumping La Baule Highlights 11.00 Cycling Tour de France Highlights

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am 120th British Open Golf 9.30 Gillette World Special 10.00 UK Athletics 11.00 Speedway 12.00 Stop-Karate 1.00pm Motor Sports F3000 2.00 NHRA Drag Racing 3.00 IIAF Athletics Grand Prix 4.00 Golf 5.00 Inside Track 6.00 Revs 6.30 120th British Open Golf 7.50 Copa America 1991

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Green Hornet 4.25 Film: Fiesta (1947) 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 of 1964, 1976 and 1989 2.30 The Radio 1 Roadshow 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Tim Smith (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean *says Good Morning Sunday* 9.05 *Richard Baker* with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Tea at Claridges (r) 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Evelyn Glennie. The percussionist talks about her life and music 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: Sing, Everybody, Sing. Valerie Solti explores the attractions of popular music for classical artistes 12.05am Variations on St Louis: Miles Kington examines the contribution of composers in jazz (1 of 3) 1.00 Patrick Lunt with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am International Rugby Union: Australia v Wales, live from Sydney 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News; Sport 9.00 This Family Business, incl 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Waterlines (new series). Cliff Michelmore on boating and water sports 11.00 News and Sport; Time Travel: John Campbell visits St Bartholomew's Hospital, founded in 1123 (r) 11.30 When in Germany: Germany and its language (3 of 5) 12.00 News and Sport: Open University, incl 1.00 News; Sport 2.00 News and Sport: The Open: The final round of the 120th Open Golf Championship 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Chickens (r) 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Father 10.00 Sport 10.10 Across the Line 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Short Story: The Chaplin Garden 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours; News 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On... 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music with Matthew 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Short Story: The Chaplin Garden 10.30 Stuart Coleman's Record Hop 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Ken Bruce Show 1.00 News 1.01 Play of the Week: The Quiet American (2) 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.01 The Making of the Middle East 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.50 Travel News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Club 648 6.29 News 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Folk in Britain 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of Britain 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Music with Matthew 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 The Making of the Middle East 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.00 News 2.01 Mummies 2.45 Master Singers: Rosa Ponselle 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composers of the Month: Thomas Wilbye 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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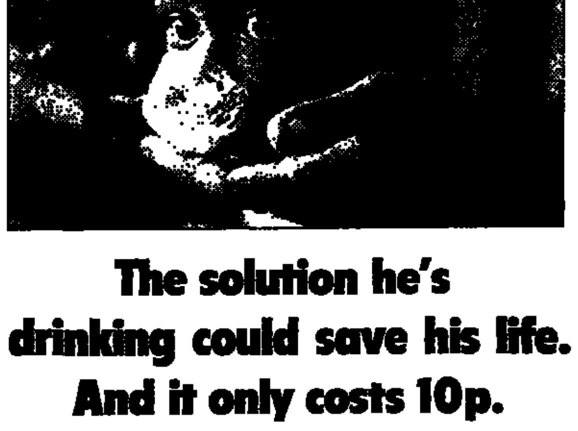

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Cumbria site to hold nuclear waste

By Ronald Faux

WEST Cumbria has been chosen as the site for the national store for low and intermediate nuclear waste.

The decision by the board of UK Nirex will be announced on Tuesday at press conferences in London, Sellafield in Cumbria and Dounreay in Scotland. Further bore holes will be drilled to test the geology of the area close to the British Nuclear Fuels Sellafield plant, where 60 per cent of the waste is generated. Although Dounreay has similar geological conditions, transporting the waste there would have added £1 billion to the cost of the project.

Construction could begin by the end of 1994 if tests finally determine that the site is suitable and the store could be in commission early next century. A public enquiry into the £2.7 billion scheme is expected to consider opposition to it by the anti-nuclear lobby and by local people in Gosforth, West Cumbria, who have been alarmed to learn that the proposed site is not beneath the Sellafield plant, as was originally planned, but two miles away on the outskirts of their village.

There were angry protests at a recent public meeting when draft plans showed an entrance marked by four towers, each the size of Nelson's column, holding the winding gear for the shafts leading to the deep store. Local residents said the development would ruin one of the finest, unspoilt villages in Cumbria. It is understood that poor geological conditions ruled out developing the store under the seabed, which would have allowed direct access from within the Sellafield plant.

Local people, including many workers at Sellafield and supporters of the nuclear industry, will press to have an entrance to the store to be along a drift corridor from within the Sellafield site, even though this may add substantially to the cost.

'They pick over the grain hidden in anthills'

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and water have reached unprecedented levels. They have moved to escape drought and civil war. They are Sudan's "displaced people" who cannot even claim the benefits of refugee status. They are especially vulnerable as they face hardship and discrimination, since they cannot claim subsidised food and are living in fear of the government's "relocation" programmes which involve removal to areas miles outside the city.

We visited the medical and relief centre run by the Irish charity, Goal, which is housed in an old ship's container thus giving it the essential "temporary" status upon which its existence depended. In the blistering heat, women and children from the community of 80,000 waited for drugs, immunisation or supplementary feeding. I was able to see here, as elsewhere, the unique contribution which Unicef makes to the work of aid agencies such as Goal, Oxfam and Save the Children Fund. The essential drugs, vaccines and the life-giving Unimix which provides essential nutrients for children, are supplied by Unicef, as are the oral rehydration salts which so cheaply and effectively tackle the scourge of diarrhoea.

Unicef, in Sudan, forges the vital partnerships with ordinary people who need and deserve support as they work for a better life. Their future depends on long-term development programmes as well as emergency relief. Responses to the needs of the developing world must not merely be reactive when a crisis occurs.

Just such a long-term investment in future needs is the provision of water pumps in the province of Kordofan, a proud achievement of Unicef's programme in Sudan. In the UK we have already raised more than £300,000 over the past decade for this project, but we need to raise more to spread the inestimable benefits of a plentiful supply of easily accessible clean, pure water. Alongside the drilling of boreholes and the installation of pumps, there is the training of mechanics, mostly women, to maintain them. I was also able to see the flourishing vegetable gardens using waste water from the pumps. Women had found a way to grow the crops which help make healthy children.

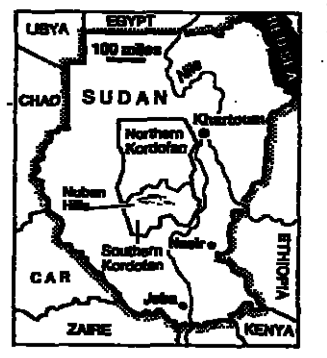
Famine's grip: a Sudanese man whose starving family is suffering from a parasitic infection borne by sandflies tries to persuade his wife to eat

As I travelled around Sudan the talk was of rain and hopes for rain. Meanwhile, as people depend on the vagaries of the weather it is essential that food pledges are secured and that the serious bottlenecks in the food distribution effort are tackled. The relief programme needs parts and fuel for trucks — it is estimated that only 50 per cent of the trucking fleet is operational. The programme also needs railway engines if this logistical problem is to be solved — I was told that only 15 of the 160 locomotives in Sudan are working.

It is also vital that the hope and courage that I saw in the villages of the famine areas of Kordofan are recognised and supported. The losers are always the ordinary people without work, land or livestock who succumb to the hopelessness of agonising hunger. It was clear that everything possible was being done to keep life going until food can be grown. They are stripping bushes of anything edible, selling livestock and even, as I saw, picking over the grain store hidden inside anthills. But there is a time limit on such strategies and on how long people can struggle in a drought-ridden, fragile and impoverished environment or in the killing fields of the south of Sudan.

The answer is not to walk away or to despair at the bickering which goes on between donors and the Sudanese government. We must maintain a sense of outrage that people still reeling from the famine of 1984-85 are once again living on a knife edge and that their suffering is quiet and unrecorded.

During my time in Sudan I heard of Unicef's need to respond to new and alarming developments. People, we were told, are now coming down from the Nuban hills; at Nasir 80 per cent of the people who had crossed the border from Ethiopia were women and children and the garrison town of Juba needed immediate emergency responses. Meanwhile, UN official and non-governmental organisations looked forward in hope to the success of their plan to take food down the Nile on barges to the south.



Undaunted, relief workers face up to the logistical and financial problems, but they ask for the attention and concern of the world and for the commitment of the government in Khartoum to actively facilitate the operation. It is remarkable that in spite of grave reservations about the military rule of President al-Bashir, and the difficulties placed in their way, relief workers continue to put their concern for the suffering people of Sudan at the forefront of their minds. It is time to stop the political diplomatic arguments and to find ways of channelling assistance through UN agencies and international and indigenous agencies.

It is certainly not acceptable to use food as a political or diplomatic weapon since humanitarian assistance must never be withheld from people in need. Indeed the view, which is held and put into practical operation in Sudan by Unicef, is that there is nothing more important than the well-being of children. The director for Sudan pleads for the people he has come to love and admire. He reminded me that the world watched the unfolding tragedy in Ethiopia in 1984-85. Some 250,000 people, mostly children, died in Sudan. To combat famine and tragedy there needs to be more opportunity to target the genuine needs of poor people who want only peace and security. I certainly hope that we can see a resurgence of the political will needed to focus attention on those who are in most need. I know that Fatma, the grieving mother of baby Mahmoud, needs such a change of direction.

Mrs Kinnock visited Sudan in her role as member of the Unicef-UK board.

To Russia with love, but empty pockets

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"We will lend you money to build your house provided you build your house first, or to improve your house provided you make it perfect and sound first". And that is even more the case when there is a great danger of their house collapsing and literally falling on us."

He had barely departed when *la grande dame* of glasnost bowled up. Margaret Thatcher has retired from the fray, but she is still doing business with the Gorbachevs. Diplomacy, however, is an art of great precision into which much may be read, and her audience was precisely five minutes shorter than that of Mr Kinnock. She did, none the less, earn the small personal touch; Raisa Gorbachev accompanied Mrs Thatcher out of the embassy and bade her a noticeably warm personal farewell.

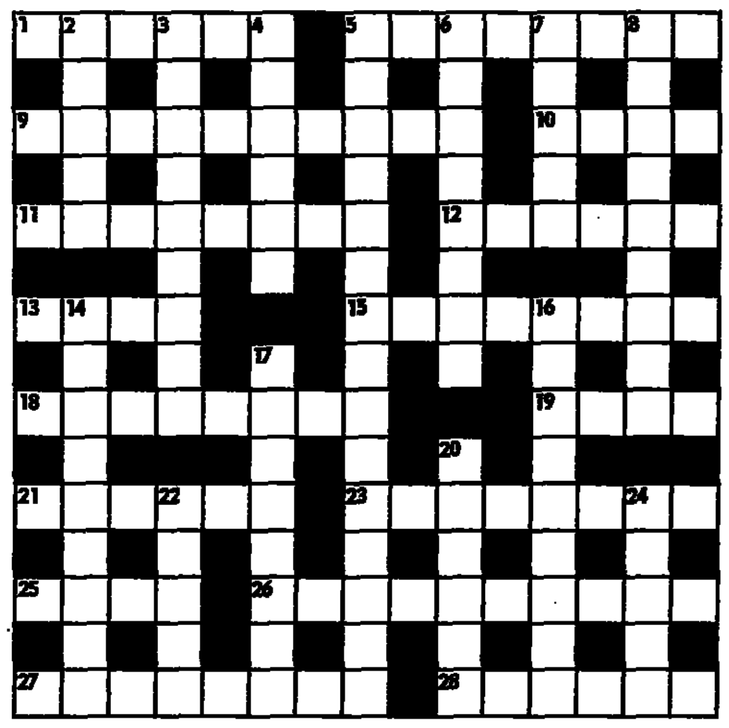
Their last guest departed and last jewelled soundbite uttered, the Gorbachev entourage swept from the embassy in a motorcade of the kind that used to snowplough through the Moscow rush hour, comprising two police cars, nine police motorcycle outriders, assorted Daimlers and Mercedes, and six vast black Zils.

● **Moscow:** On his return to Moscow, Mr Gorbachev said he could not have achieved more at his meeting with the G7 and forecast accusations from political opponents that he was returning "with empty hands and empty pockets" (Mary Dejevsky writes).

Speaking to reporters moments after landing at Moscow's Vnukovo airport, Mr Gorbachev acknowledged that the London trip fell short of expectations. "I don't think that everyone can always be pleased with everything," he said. "But generally a beginning has been made of a long, huge, very promising process. That's the main thing."

The Soviet leader's decision to talk to reporters at the airport — something he rarely does — suggests an attempt to pre-empt domestic criticism in advance of next week's meeting of the Communist party's central committee.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,663



ACROSS

1 Land of offers, we hear (6).
5 Changing patterns in part of church (8).
9 Old Greek letter-opener? (10).
10 Emperor ducks keeping dry (4).
11 Dispatch of note from big shot (8).
12 Pleasant-sounding rock (6).
13 Gemstone in ring presented to old friend (4).
15 Unwilling to take a flower, use rake! (8).
18 Catch a crustacean coming ashore, perhaps (4-4).
19 Wrestling in ju-jitsu mode (4).
21 Designed a parking place in Slough (6).
23 Dog-track is mine (8).
25 Get rid of Shakespeare's melancholy strain (4).
26 Individuals, long confined, show effects (10).
27 Tough on the outside, lay there suffering (8).
28 Wrangle over two grand hidden in well (6).

DOWN

2 Love getting absorbed in record of French lyric poem . . . (5).
3 . . . done as Rodin worked (9).
4 County worker over border (6).
5 How anthracite, for example, is delivered? (15).
6 Abandon variety agent in Lincoln, say (8).
7 Stock market premises? (5).
8 K — a sum I stop to change (9).
14 Theatre in which to have fun as family (9).
16 Way of letting oneself down, seen on the face? (9).
17 Trustworthy councillor can be taken in (8).
20 Easy task to include pound in final settlement (6).
22 Bird-seed exactly what is needed (5).
24 English girl becomes a star (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,662

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,657

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MACQUEREAU
a. A cream cake
b. A pimp
c. A fish-wife

KILLUT
a. A girl's kilt
b. A chapati oven
c. A ceremonial robe

VOGIE
a. Vain
b. Wishing to seem trendy
c. Last wagon of a train

VISON
a. A bicyclist's mask
b. The American mink
c. A television zapper switch

Answers on page 15

TIMES WEATHERCALL

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Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
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Lincs & Humberside	713
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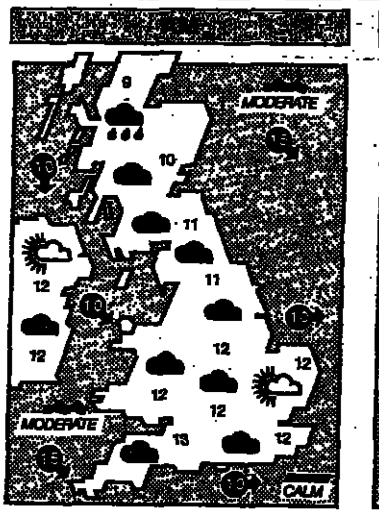
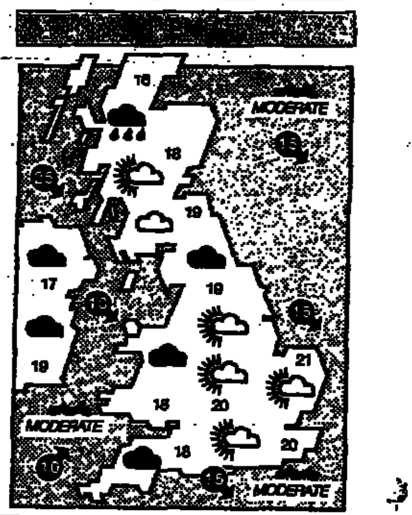
The winners of last Saturday's competition are: J Ritchie, Marldon Avenue, Crosby, Liverpool; W Fitzgerald, Swifts Green Road, Luton, Bedfordshire; B M Morgan, Niton Street, London; H S McPherson, Holme End, Rimington, Clitheroe, Lancashire; F R Himsworth, Kirkforge, Piercy End, Kirkbymoorside, York.

WEATHER

Much of Britain will have a dry day but with light showers in northern parts of Scotland. Generally cloudy but most areas should have occasional sunshine, the best being in eastern districts. Temperatures near normal in sunnier parts but cooler in the cloudier areas. Outlook: mainly dry with increasing amounts of sunshine but some rain or drizzle at times in the far North-West. Becoming warmer.





ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	34	93	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Majorca	28	84	s
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	28	84	s
Algiers	34	93	s	Malta	28	84	s
Amst'dm	17	63	c	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Athens	33	91	f	Mexico C*	21	70	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Milan	27	81	s
Barbads*	30	86	f	Montreal*	29	84	c
Barcelna	29	84	s	Moscow	21	70	c
Beirut	28	82	f	Munich	19	66	c
Belgrade	25	77	s	Nairobi	19	66	c
Berlin	18	64	c	Naples	31	88	s
Brussels	16	61	c	Oslo	19	66	f
Budapst	27	81	f	Paris	17	63	c
B Aires*	10	50	r	Peking	28	82	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	12	54	c
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	23	73	f
Corfu	30	86	s	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	18	64	c	Salzburg	18	64	c
Dubrovnik	28	82	s	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Faro	25	77	f	Santiago*	11	52	c
Florence	33	91	s	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Frankfurt	24	75	s	Seoul	26	79	r
Funchal	26	79	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	29	84	f	St'kholm	20	68	f
Gibraltar	29	84	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Helsinki	19	66	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	31	88	c	Tangier	26	79	f
Innsbrck	23	73	f	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	29	84	f	Tenerife	31	88	s
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tokyo	27	81	s
Lisbon	23	73	s	Venice	27	81	s
Locarno	28	82	s	Vienna	23	73	c
London	18	64	c	Warsaw	19	66	r
L Angels*	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	33	91	f
Luxembg	18	64	c	Wel'nton	12	54	c
Luxor	39	102	s	Zurich	21	70	r

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.01	6.2	9.22	6.1
Aberdeen	8.51	3.4	9.32	3.2
Avonmouth	1.49	10.6	2.20	10.1
Belfast	6.36	3.1	7.18	2.9
Cardiff	1.34	9.9	2.05	9.5
Devonport	12.17	4.7	12.54	4.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 13C (55F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.06 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.8 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.0	.13	16	61	rain
Anglesey	3.3	.05	18	64	bright
Belfast	0.7	.06	18	64	shower
Birmingham	5.1	.30	22	72	rain
Cardiff	1.3	1.36	18	64	rain
Eastbourne	0.1	.75	17	63	rain
Edinburgh	1.2	.19	19	66	rain
Exmouth	5.8	.62	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	0.9	.57	19	66	rain
Glasgow	1.7	.14	19	66	rain
Hastings	-	.59	17	63	rain
Hunstanton	2.8	.23	22	72	rain
Jersey	-	.13	17	63	fog
Kinloss	2.2	.19	19	66	rain
Newquay	0.1	.47	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	4.5	.27	22	72	rain
Penzance	1.0	.61	18	64	rain
Scilly Isles	0.9	.27	17	63	shower
Southend	3.8	.61	22	72	rain
St. Ives	3.8	.53	17	63	dull
Stornoway	3.8	.14	15	59	shower
Wick	2.2	.19	12	54	rain
Worthing	1.4	.76	18	64	rain

Thursday's figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Heathrow airport, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Wick, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Mumbles, West Glamorgan, 1.73 in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 8.4 hr.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.265	2.115
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.60	59.60
Canada $	2.05	1.90
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Finland Mkk	7.49	7.04
France Fr	10.425	9.775
Germany Dm	3.095	2.885
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.60
Ireland Pt	1.152	1.082
Italy Lira	2305.00	2155.00
Japan Yen	245.00	228.00
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.08	11.28
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.50
South Africa Rd	5.50	4.90
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.22	10.47
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	7750.00	6950.00
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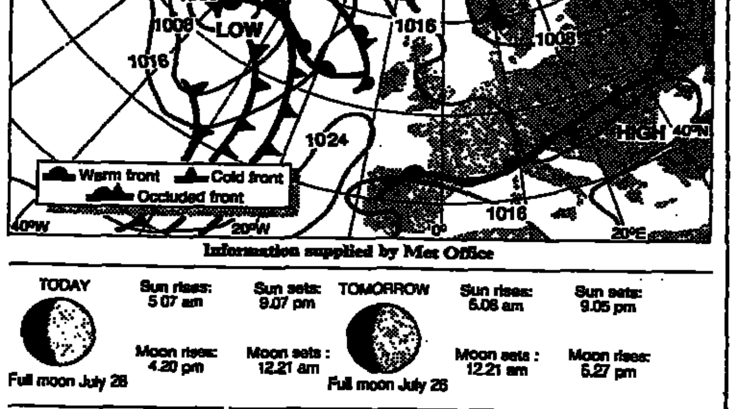

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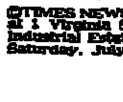
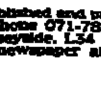


TODAY
Sun rises: 5.07 am
Sun sets: 9.07 pm
Moon rises: 4.20 pm
Moon sets: 12.21 am
Full moon July 26



TOMORROW
Sun rises: 5.08 am
Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon sets: 12.21 am
Moon rises: 5.27 pm
Full moon July 26

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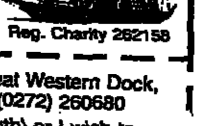
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Institutions are concerned that a false market in TV shares may be created unless details of the bids for 16 franchises are made public by the Independent Television Commission ....Page 27

Morton mission

Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, continues his campaign for a £20 billion fund to invest in transport. Shell-shocked ministers have shifted their views, he says ....Page 27

Pru jobs go

The Prudential is closing 17 *departments in a reorganisation* of its general insurance business. About 550 redundancies will be involved. The moves stem from the announcement in March by Mick Newmarch (left), Prudential chief executive, that the company would take action to cut heavy losses in its household and motor businesses. City analysts say that the cuts will save the Pru up to £9 million a year. Profits fell 37 per cent to £244 million last year........Page 27

Secret loan risk

Marriage partners may be unaware that their home is at risk if it has been used as security for a business overdraft. Banks are divided over whether they should change their rules over confidentiality to warn spouses in jointly owned homes............Page 29

WEEK ENDING

John Bell

Big boys take a buffeting

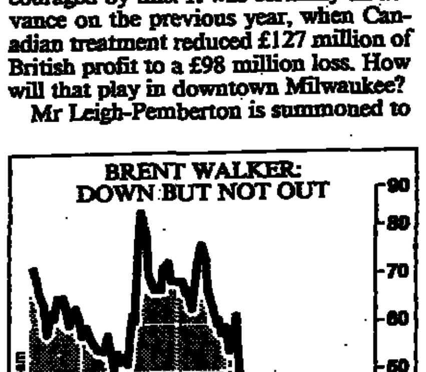
It has been a rough week for heavyweights in all senses of the term. *Robert Maxwell* lost a successor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton was carpeted by MPs and George Walker, a cruiser-weight in his fighting days, but now in a higher bracket, lost a court case.

Peter Walker, former secretary of state for Wales, appears to be the man who got out from under. He joined Maxwell Communication Corporation in March with the intention of becoming chairman this month. Instead, he is to depart in the autumn.

By devising a plan to demerge MCC's American interests, Mr Walker left himself nothing but the British rump of the business, which is, he says, "not a company I would wish to be chairman of". But whether American investors will warm to Captain Bob's style is another matter. For North American accounting standards can rip to shreds what British executives fondly regard as profit.

MCC's accounts were out this week. What Mr Walker made of page 77 he did not say. But there, for the benefit of Canadian shareholders, is a chastening statement of how local accountants assess the group. Starting with £99.2 million of post-tax profits under British accounting conventions, Canadian rules hack away until precious little is left. A London profit of £99.2 million becomes net profit of just £6.3 million by Toronto standards. Perhaps Mr Walker was encouraged by this. It was certainly an advance on the previous year, when Canadian treatment reduced £127 million of British profit to a £98 million loss. How will that play in downtown Milwaukee?

Mr Leigh-Pemberton is summoned to appear next week before the cross-party Treasury select committee to explain his role in the collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Committee members are prepared to forsake sun and sands through the recess to seek answers to some pointed questions. Why did the Bank of England Governor close down BCCI rather than allow Abu Dhabi's ruler to inject further billions for the protection of depositors? Why did the Bank not exercise its Banking Act powers to take over as lead regulator long ago when it first became aware of serious irregularities. And so on. Mr Leigh-Pemberton is assured of *a long, hot summer.*



Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditor, is also in for a torrid time if Abu Dhabi's Sheikh Zayed seriously intends to sue. PW doubtless feels it has acted properly at all times. But the sheikh is incandescent over the whole affair, has bottomless resources and is not a man to settle out of court.

George Walker's creation, Brent Walker, failed to get a result in the appeal court and has to pay the final £50 million owed to GrandMet for the purchase of the William Hill betting shop chain. Mr Walker must now fight to hang on to a downtable seat on the board while the two foreign banks balking over contributing further to the group's £1.2 billion of debt decide to cough up or effectively let the receiver take over.

BUSINESS PROFILE: Richard Dunn

Lead player in a television drama

Thames TV's chief looks like a soap opera star, but Gillian Bowditch finds his is a tough off-screen role

Decisive: Richard Dunn has held his own in a company that has had a rougher time than most

As a boy, Richard Dunn was told by his Icelandic mother that he was a Viking and could do anything. He believed her. The ambition of the chief executive of Thames Television is renowned in an industry that is not known for its underachievers.

It helps that he looks like a Viking, albeit a well-kempt one. His height, regular features and well-tailored suits give him presence. He also appears to be entirely at ease with himself, aware of his looks but not self-conscious. When he says: "I am very good at relaxing", he is stating the obvious.

The cliché is that he looks as if he should be on the other side of the camera, a chat show host or a soap opera star. But temperamentally, he is a director, a chairman of committees and a politician. Talk to anyone who knows him, except his wife, and his looks are the first thing they mention. In the bitchy world of television, there are some people who are looking forward to the time when they fade. Others simply believe the packaging is superior to the contents.

But Dunn has held his own in a company that has had a rougher time than most over the past decade. In addition to the legislative changes that all broadcasters have had to face, Thames has had union trouble, boardroom rows, uncertainty over ownership and, with the fracas over *Death On The Rock*, political controversy.

Dunn has always been an industry player. In 1988, he became chairman of the ITV Association, steering the 16 ITV companies through the complexities of the broadcasting bill. He is deputy chairman of Independent Television News and director of several other television associations. Within the industry, he is referred to as the last of the public service broadcasters. Even those who are critical of him admit that he is a decent person. He is, on the whole, well liked.

"I'm decisive," says Dunn. "I'm a team manager rather than an autocrat. I like to get there by persuasion. I like people and I think I know what makes people tick."

His American wife, Virginia, known to friends as Jigga, says: "Richard's very easy going. He's never grumpy and he's slow to anger. He's harder on himself than he is on everyone else, but he's good at coping with stress."

This is just as well, as stress in large measure has been a feature of his job for the past six years. The current anxiety is over the allocation of broadcasting franchises, to be decided in October. Thames faces two rival bids. one from Carlton Communications and one from a consortium led by Virgin and David Frost.

"I have 1,400 staff who face an uncertain future," says Dunn. "It's difficult not knowing whether one has a good chance or a lousy chance." He says he has confidence in those who are to make the decision, but the tittle-tattle clearly aggravates him. "What will determine the matter is not the gossiping of the chattering classes, not the speculation of the annoyed analysts, nor the journalists who are missing half the information," he says.

This is fortunate, because within these three groups, those who believe Thames will retain its franchise appear to be in a minority. "I think we are seen as weaker than some," says Dunn. "Ours is the most desirable licence and it's the biggest revenue earner. The uncertainty of Thames' ownership last year made us look vulnerable. And the competition for our franchise is perceived to be strong."

The news last week that Thames would make a pre-tax loss in the first half of this year cannot have helped. If, as his wife says, Dunn has very high expectations of himself, there are others who believe he is not meeting them. He has taken responsibility for Thames' failed £6.6 million investment in Northern Star, the Australian network. Staff levels and costs have been cut, but he has been criticised for doing too little too late.

> *'I'm a team manager rather than an autocrat. I like to get there by persuasion. I like people and I think I know what makes them tick'*

Whatever the criticisms, no one can doubt his honesty, loyalty or commitment to the job. Weekends are frequently spent working and his decision to waive a £275,000 bonus payment he is entitled to if Thames wins its franchise was no mere public relations exercise. Last year, his salary was £175,000 and he received a £150,000 contract-signing fee, but has lobbied for a share ownership scheme instead of cash bonuses.

Dunn joined Thames in 1978 as personal assistant to Jeremy Isaacs, the director of programmes, after a spell with Associated British Pathé and a four-year experiment in community cable television in Swindon. The first of a series of professional traumas came nine months later when Isaacs left after disagreements with Bryan Cowgill, then Thames' managing director, and the rest of the board.

Dunn, in an awkward position, was offered a job in central planning. Before long, he was director of production and joined the board in 1981. He says he was staggered at the amount of money being wasted and started cutting costs, which led to a series of strikes in 1984.

He organised a management service and restored viewing. "It made me enormously unpopular with the unions, but many of the staff respected the fact that someone had done something about the gravy train mentality," he says. "We were angry that we had a blank screen, which is a terrible thing for a broadcaster. It is spitting in the face of the public."

The gamble paid off, but further upset was at hand. In 1985, Cowgill, without the approval of his ITV colleagues, bought the soap opera *Dallas*, which had been under licence to the BBC. There was a huge public row and Cowgill was accused of poaching. He was not backed by the Thames board and resigned.

The resignation could not have come at a worse time for Dunn. His five-year-old son, Andrew, had been run over by a car and was in hospital with a broken leg, 40 stitches in his head and internal injuries. Dunn and his wife were maintaining a round-the-clock presence at his bedside when the chairman of Thames called the hospital to offer Dunn the chief executive's job. "I had my son in traction and I had my company in traction," Dunn says.

But he successfully rebuilt morale and restored good relations with the other ITV companies, charting the company's course through flotation.

Dunn was born in Colchester, Essex, in 1943, the third of a family of four. His father was a reluctant insurance man, a clever man who never had the chance to go to university, says Dunn. His mother gave him a strong sense of his Icelandic heritage.

He was educated at Forest School in Epping, where he is now a governor, and surprised his teachers by winning a state scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge, where he studied English and fine art; boxed; founded and directed the dramatic society, the Lady Margaret Players; helped in the community and socialised till dawn. In his final year, he won the college award for the best all-round participant.

These days, his free time is precious and he spends it mostly with his three children, Andrew, now 11, and fully recovered from his accident, William, aged five, and Elizabeth, aged four. They live in Wandsworth, south London. His wife says: "He's an excellent father. He's not at all stand-offish. He's very physical with them and will wrestle with them and play."

Dunn enjoys drawing and is making notes for a possible book about the present broadcasting revolution. He does not have much time to watch television, but he enjoys *The Bill*, *Minder* and *This Week*, all Thames productions. His way of coping with stress is to run or swim.

The support of his wife is enormously important to him. They met within a week of her arrival in London, when Dunn, finding himself at a loose end, decided to look up a girl he had met at a wedding nine months before. He knew her name and roughly where she lived, but when he arrived at the block of flats, the doorman refused to divulge the flat number. Instead of walking away, he went to the other side of the building and tipped a second doorman who directed him to a flat "full of amazing women", one of whom was his future wife.

"It was atypical of me," says Dunn. "I was not accustomed to that kind of speculative adventure on a Saturday night." But, for a man who is persuasive, determined and who gets what he wants, it was entirely in keeping with his character.

Fred and Wilma may move to Japan

From PHILIP ROBINSON
IN NEW YORK

FRED Flintstone looks destined *to belong to the Japanese.* The stone age cartoon character, due out in a feature-length film this year, is now under the auctioneer's hammer.

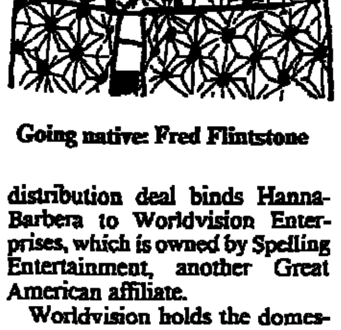
MCA, the Hollywood film studio, which owns Universal studios in California and another theme park with Rank Organisation in Florida, is said to have bid between $350 million and $400 million for Fred's owner, Hanna-Barbera, the animation studio.

A purchase would also win them the rights to Yogi Bear, Boo Boo and The Jetsons, the space-age family. MCA was bought in a $14 billion deal by Matsushita Electric Industrial, the Japanese electronics company, just over six months ago. Fred, Wilma and the gang are ultimately owned by Great American Communications, Hanna-Barbera's parent, which is 68 per cent owned by American Financial, the private company controlled by Carl Lindner, the Cincinnati investor.

Mr Lindner, aged 71, acquired Hanna-Barbera when he bought Taft Broadcasting in 1987 for $1.5 billion.

He is now struggling to reduce Great American's $950 million of debt, which is costing $146 million in interest a year. The company lost nearly $39 million last year on income of $322 million. Great American must sell $170 million of assets within six months under an agreement with creditors.

There could, however, be a hitch in the Flintstones deal: a distribution deal binds Hanna-Barbera to Worldvision Enterprises, which is owned by Spelling Entertainment, another Great American affiliate.



Going native: Fred Flintstone

Worldvision holds the domestic and international rights to more than 5,000 half-hour episodes of Hanna-Barbera cartoons. MCA, which has its own distribution system, is trying to negotiate a deal under which Hanna-Barbera's ties to Worldvision could be severed.

The film-maker already has close ties with the cartoon maker. The Universal Studios theme park in Florida includes a Hanna-Barbera attraction, and the studio co-produced and distributed a movie based on The Jetsons cartoon last year. MCA also spent between $7 million and $10 million buying a one-fifth stake in Harvey Comics Entertainment, the company that owns the rights to characters including Casper the Friendly Ghost.

MCA officials said the offer price for Hanna-Barbera was far below the $400 million that had been rumoured.

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Goring pays 5p again

By Our City Staff

GORING Kerr has held its interim dividend at 5p and indicated that the total dividend for the current year is unlikely to exceed the previous year's 15p.

The company, a manufacturer of metal contamination detectors, said trading had been adversely affected by the uncertainty surrounding Tace, its quoted parent company, which is the target of three separate bids. Two of the bids have been extended to include the 49 per cent of Goring Kerr not already owned by Tace.

In the six months to end-March, Goring Kerr lifted profits from £1.42 million before tax to £1.48 million. Earnings were 12.83p a share (11.55p).

The company said sales were boosted by the new EC directive requiring more stringent information to appear on food, drink and pharmaceutical products. Margins, however, were hurt by competition, the recession and adverse exchange rates.

Barlow Clowes

A Press Association report of the Barlow Clowes trial reproduced in *The Times* yesterday mistakenly said a witness, Ross Hyett, gave evidence that he helped set up a Gibraltar firm called Technical Studies. In fact, the company was Temple Bar Investments Ltd.

The report stated that Technical Studies was one of a number of offshore companies that the prosecution claimed were used to launder million of pounds of clients' money. This allegation only applies to Technical Studies and not, of course, to Temple Bar Investments.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6880 (+0.0215)
German mark
2.9553 (+0.0006)
Exchange index
91.1 (+0.4)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1959.5 (-9.5)
FT-SE 100
2541.5 (-5.8)
New York Dow Jones
3016.77 (+0.45)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22866.36 (-42.35)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Central TV	810p (+20p)
Refuge	706½p (+10p)
ADT	590p (+20p)
Christies Int	186½p (+10p)
Smithkline Beecham	827½p (+8½p)
Burmah Castrol	569p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Reuters	774p (-11p)
Rank Org	656½p (-9p)
Evode	45p (-12p)
Grand Met	774½p (-12p)
FNFC	112½p (-9p)
Thomson Corp	775p (-20p)
Presidio	257½p (-12p)
THORN EMI	719½p (-11p)
Hawker Siddeley	556p (-13p)
Caffyns	315p (-10p)
Wellcome	710½p (-7p)
Ultramar	258p (-7p)
RMC Group	640p (-15p)
Beazer	79½p (-9p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank $11\frac{1}{16}$-$11\frac{1}{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: $10\frac{19}{32}$-$10\frac{9}{16}$%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds $5\frac{11}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.58-5.57%*
30-year bonds $96\frac{11}{32}$-96⅜*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6880	£: $1.6905*
£: DM2.9553	$: DM1.7485*
£: SwFr2.5624	$: SwFr1.5150*
£: FFr10.0508	$: FFr5.9380*
£: Yen230.41	$: Yen136.40*
£: Index:91.1	$: Index:66.8
ECU £0.695904	SDR £0.796662
£: ECU1.436979	£: SDR1.255237

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $370.30 pm-$370.00
close $370.25-370.75 (£219.50-220.00)
New York:
Comex $371.15-371.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ...... $20.25 bbl ($20.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

THE SUNDAY TIMES

TV winners and losers

Is the mighty Granada television about to fade from our screens? Has TVS outbid itself? Are the giant eggs at TVam about to boil over? Tomorrow, The Sunday Times investigates who will be the winners and losers this autumn in the great ITV franchise race.

IBM to cut 3,000 more jobs as staff rush to leave

From Philip Robinson in New York

STAFF at IBM, the troubled computer giant, are rushing to leave. Redundancy packages offered by the bellwether of American industry three months ago are being snapped up so fast that IBM has now increased its cut in the workforce by 3,000 to 17,000. They will all go by the end of the year.

A company spokesman said: "I wouldn't describe it as a rush, but people are striding briskly to the exits."

IBM announced in April that 14,000 jobs would be cut worldwide. The spokesman added: "That was about the most we thought might take up the offer, but the response means we think we can cut a further 3,000."

John Akers, IBM chairman, issued an attack on the IBM workforce in May for being "too damn comfortable", and made it clear they needed to work harder.

IBM said 1,200 job losses already under discussion in Britain were included in the total of 17,000 staff to be shed worldwide. Compulsory redundancies were not anticipated and early retirement and voluntary redundancy incentives were being offered.

IBM employs 18,374 staff in Britain, which is its most important overseas market after Japan and Germany. The company has two manufacturing sites in this country, at Greenock, Strathclyde, and Havant, Hants plus marketing and service staff throughout Britain. The worldwide staff payroll will fall 4.5 per cent to 356,000.

The fresh job cuts at IBM, the world's largest computer maker, were announced with the news of second-quarter profits plunging 92 per cent from $1.4 billion to $114 million, on sales down 10.7 per cent to $14.7 billion. After-tax profit margins fell from 8.5 per cent to 0.8 per cent.

Redundancy costs totalled $200 million in the second quarter, bringing total restructuring costs so far this year to $2.5 billion.

Mr Akers said that while he expected the pace of business to increase in the next six months, turnover for the full year was likely to remain flat at $69 billion. He added that while the recession appeared to have bottomed out in America, few analysts saw any end to the weak economies of Europe.

The rate of growth had also slowed in Japan, the company's most important overseas market, and sales were down in the UK, France and Italy.

IBM shares, having been panicked into a low on Thursday by an erroneous agency report of expected losses, added 75 cents to $99 on Wall Street by mid-morning yesterday.

Before IBM first stunned Wall Street with a profits warning in April, the shares had changed hands at $127.875 and they peaked earlier this year at $139.75.

Yesterday's strength reflected relief that profits were not worse. Some analysts had forecast IBM would incur a loss in the second quarter.

The running total for the first six months of this year shows a 20 per cent drop in total revenues to $15.57 billion and a 166 per cent fall in net earnings from a $2.4 billion profit to a $1.62 billion loss.

Analysts, who have been over-optimistic and millions of dollars adrift on their IBM forecasts this year, have torn up third- and fourth-quarter predictions. Some are now just waiting for IBM to give them guidance. They had been expecting profits for the calendar year to slump from $6.04 billion to $2.4 billion.

Close watchers of the computer industry say that in 1985, when Mr Akers, aged 56, took the helm at IBM, he forecast that within a decade its revenues would pass $180 billion a year. The current expectation for sales in 1995 is for just under half that figure.

Mr Akers says he sees no immediate improvement in business prospects. The company says it is not seeing order cancellations, but large customers are postponing major new items of capital spending.

Mr Akers said he will continue to pressure the employees to perform better, but offered no predictions of a turnaround.

He added: "We have been, I think, not sufficiently demanding of ourselves regarding those folks who aren't doing the job. We have had a very low level of separations for poor performance. That level will go up, must go up. That's creating some tension. I happen to think that's really healthy."

Japanese plan curbs on brokers

JAPAN'S Ministry of Finance (MOF), accused of lax monitoring of the securities industry, is preparing to tighten supervision after scandals involving the Big Four brokers shook confidence in the stock market.

Hiroshi Yasuda, MOF vice-minister, said the ministry was preparing a bill that would ban stock loss compensation and would present it to the next extraordinary parliament session, expected next month.

The Japan Securities Dealers Association has confirmed that the four — Yamaichi Securities, Daiwa Securities, Nomura Securities, and Nikko Securities — covered losses incurred by 229 favoured clients from October, 1987 to March, 1990 totalling about Y126.8 billion (£556.1 million).

The four admitted this but said they had not broken the law.

Proud moment: David Smith, chief executive, sees Isosceles move into the black

Isosceles makes £3.6m and looks ahead to SE listing

By Colin Campbell

ISOSCELES, the group that, in 1989, bought the Gateway supermarkets chain for £2.2 billion in Britain's biggest leveraged buyout, made a £3.6 million pre-tax profit in the 52 weeks ended April 27, compared with a £33.2 million loss in the previous 40 weeks, and believes it is "capable" of being quoted on the Stock Exchange.

David Smith, chief executive, said the profit was small but he was proud especially because it was achieved after charging £185.7 million for interest (£147 million).

Turnover of the Isosceles group, which embraces 672 Gateway stores, ten Somerfield outlets, the Irish Wellworths chain and Herman's, the American sporting goods group, was £3.12 billion (£2.37 billion). Total below-the-line provisions were £24.8 million. The attributable loss for the year was £21.2 million (£38.5 million loss). The £3.6 million profit excludes a £1.7 million loss at Herman's which is "up for sale".

Isosceles secured a £237 million refinancing package in January, and ended the April 27 financial period with net debt of £1.29 billion (£1.54 billion).

The group is not in a position to pay dividends, and has again passed the preference payment on which arrears total £20.7 million. Arrear payments have to be cleared, respectable profits made and debt reduced before Isosceles could consider a Stock Exchange listing, "but we are moving in the right direction," Mr Smith said.

Shareholders in Isosceles include America's Wasserstein Perella, the mergers and acquisitions specialist (40.3 per cent), and Great Atlantic & Pacific (7.2 per cent). British investors include Mercury Asset Management (14.9 per cent), 3i (10.1 per cent), and Standard Chartered Bank (8.8 per cent).

Margins at Gateway lagged behind those of the major supermarket chains, Mr Smith conceded, but the operating profit-to-sales ratio had improved to 5.91 per cent (4.53 per cent).

Development of the Somerfield own label saw the launch of 230 new lines by the end of April, with a further 800 lines planned by December. The stores profile continued to be upgraded, Mr Smith said.

Group capital expenditure is likely to rise from £63 million to £100 million. The interest bill will fall as debt is reduced and profits improve.

Beazer Asia shares halted in Hong Kong

By Our City Staff

SHARES in Beazer, the debt-plagued construction group, fell 10p to 79p after trading in the shares in Beazer Asia, Beazer's associate, was suspended in Hong Kong.

The suspension came after sharp falls in Beazer Asia, an independently financed company, on the Hong Kong stock exchange. Beazer in London blamed analysts' reduced profit forecasts, saying that the company met investment analysts, who had already made profit forecasts for the year to end-June, on Thursday.

Beazer's directors advised some analysts to be cautious in their forecasts, which were considered to be "excessively optimistic", although the Asian associate, which is more than 50 per cent owned by Beazer, continued to trade normally. Beazer Asia's results for the year to end-June are expected in September.

Beazer Asia has asked the Hong Kong stock exchange to resume trading in its shares from Monday. In 1989-90, Beazer Asia contributed less than 5 per cent of the main company's net profits, after taking account of minority interests. Beazer said that it had been kept informed of Beazer Asia's current trading and had no reason to adjust its expectations of the group's results for 1990-1.

TEMPUS

Bimec presents the case for a re-rating

ALAN WELLER

Transformer: Sam Smith has turned Bimec around

BIMEC's case for a prompt re-rating cannot be ignored after its two latest acquisitions. The addition of Dewey Waters and Three Star Engineering to its portfolio of industrial businesses, for £13.4 million, means that more than 50 per cent of profits will be directly contributed by the water and waste treatment division.

The rest of the business is split evenly between environmental engineering and aerospace engineering, much of which is involved in the control of emissions from turbine engines.

So if there ever was a green stock, this is it. Yet Bimec, which sits in the depressed industrial sector, trades on a lowly rating of 10 times last year's earnings of 5.5p. By contrast, Leigh Interests trades on a p/e of 17 and Shanks & McEwan on a rating of almost 23.

Bimec's recent record is impressive. The present management, headed by Sam Smith, has transformed losses of £637,000 before tax in 1988 into profits of £5.36 million in the year to end-March, with analysts looking for around £7 million this year ahead of the acquisitions. Both newly acquired companies are profitable and should enhance earnings. In its first full year, Dewey Waters alone should contribute around £2.5 million pre-tax.

The acquisitions are being funded via a two-for-seven rights issue of new shares at 47p each, against 55p for existing shares. The issue covers the cost of the acquisitions and, because both Dewey and Three Star generate cash, the balance sheet comes under no additional strain.

Bimec clearly retains an appetite for more deals, which may discourage more cautious investors. But the company has shown a knack for backing winners on a modest average multiple of just 6 times after tax earnings.

Plateau Mining

GOLD mining companies boasting of veins so rich that they virtually wink at the miners must, one day, come into their own. But Plateau Mining will be conscious that the company was floated in January 1990 at 90p a share, when the London gold price was around $415 an ounce, and that it now trades at 26p when the gold price is $370 an ounce.

Plateau initially raised £17.8 million, the bulk of which has been spent on development of gold interests in Ecuador and platinum in Zimbabwe. In Ecuador, it has a 40 per cent stake in the Campanilla project, where the first gold was poured on June 10. In Zimbabwe, Plateau has a 24 per cent interest in a project along the Great Dyke; its fellow shareholders are Anglo American and Rio Tinto Zimbabwe, each holding 38 per cent.

Plateau's current net cash holding of £1.9 million, equivalent to 11p a share, should be sufficient to carry the company forward while waiting for the positive cash flow from Ecuador to improve. The next gold pour, on Tuesday, will be of 100 ounces, with regular weekly pourings thereafter.

The all-in costs at Campanilla, at $170 an ounce, remain far enough below the world gold price to keep the operation profitable, and an on-site assay laboratory has improved mining efficiencies.

Plateau's cash generated £213,000 of interest in the six months to end-March, to help achieve an interim pre-tax profit of £53,000 (£97,000). As with all junior exploration companies, the prospect of dividends is distant.

But the hunt is on for British and European mining opportunities, principally industrial minerals, which would give the company a broader geographical and product spread. The shares are speculative, but not entirely without interest.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Kingsgrange goes private in buyout

DIRECTORS have bought out Kingsgrange, the toiletries manufacturer, and taken it private. Their offer, through an off-the-shelf company called Matahari 374, was declared unconditional after being increased to 31p a share in cash, valuing the company at £9.6 million.

After acquiring 745,000 ordinary shares at the improved offer price, Matahari spoke for 50.25 per cent of Kingsgrange. Matahari's original offer of 28p a share, worth a total of £8.6 million, attracted a counter-bid from Dewhirst Group, the quoted clothing and toiletries group that supplies Marks and Spencer, of 33p in shares or 30p in cash. Kingsgrange was floated at 140p in 1987.

Edmond bid talks end

EDMOND Holdings, the housebuilder in Humberside and East Anglia, has confirmed that talks with Taylor Woodrow about an offer for Edmond have ended without agreement. Richard Chalcraft, the chief executive of Edmond, said: "They approached us and we were obliged to inform our shareholders."

French agree Trafalgar offer

SPIE-Batignolles, the French building company, is to accept the Trafalgar House £114 million cash offer for its 14.48 per cent stake in Davy Corporation, the engineer. Trafalgar is bidding 50p per Davy share, followed by another 45p if conversion of the Oceans Emerald rig into an oil platform is completed.

Volvo Car plans cuts

VOLVO Car, the Dutch company owned 30 per cent by Volvo of Sweden and 70 per cent by the Dutch government, is to cut its 9,000-strong workforce by 1,460. The cuts come in the wake of a restructuring, which will see Mitsubishi Motors of Japan become a shareholder.

Ownership will be equally divided between the Dutch government, Volvo and Mitsubishi.

Success for Lowndes issue

THE offer of shares in Lowndes Lambert Group Holdings, the insurance company, attracted applications for shares worth £32.9 million and was almost 3.5 times subscribed. Priority applications from employees will be satisfied in full. The maximum number of shares are being recalled from placees.

MCC wins injunction

MAXWELL Communication Corporation (MCC) has been granted an injunction in the High Court which prevents the publishers of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday* from printing eight allegations, including one concerning the possibility of Peter Walker becoming the chairman of the company.

Thorn chief gloomy

COLIN Southgate, the chairman of Thorn EMI, told the annual meeting that the company did not expect any immediate upturn and would press ahead with its rationalisation programmes.

None of the group's businesses was seeing an improvement in its markets and, if anything, the outlook seemed worse in some markets than when Thorn reported its results at the end of May. The shares fell 11p to 720p on the news.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons	500	105	81	91	1	5	11
(*557)	550	15	44	58	3	18	26
	600	2	20	34	39	46	50
ASDA	90	4½	7	11	1½	6½	7½
(*93)	100	1	4	7	9	13	14
	110	1	2	4	19	22	22
Bass	880	59	90	–	1½	11½	–
(*927)	929	15	55	–	8	28	–
	977	2	30	–	47	55	–
Boots	330	69	78	82	1	1½	2½
(*398)	360	39	51	58	1	4	7
	390	10	29	38	2	12	16
Br Airways	140	30	35	38	½	2	4
(*169)	160	10	20	24	2	7	9
	180	1	9½	12	12	16	20
BP	330	19	26	33	1	6½	11
(*347)	360	2½	11	17	14	21	25
	390	1	3½	7½	44	46	47
Br Steel	120	5	10	13	1	4	6½
(*124)	130	1	5	8	7	9	12
	140	½	2	4½	17	17	19
C & W	500	68	85	97	1	4½	8
(*564)	550	18	45	60	2	16	23
	600	1	20	35	37	44	50
CU	460	57	60	75	1	5	8½
(*517)	500	18	32	48	2	17	22
	550	1	11	24	38	49	52
Courtauld	390	43	56	65	1	4½	8½
(*430)	420	13	35	44	1½	13	18
	460	–	14	24	–	32	35
GKN	300	57	57	64	1	4	6
(*350)	330	27	33	44	1½	11	15
	360	3½	16	28	10	25	31
Grand Met.	700	84	100	115	1	7½	16
(*774)	750	34	62	81	1½	20	32
	800	4	34	54	22	45	54
ICI	1250	43	90	127	4	46	54
(*1285)	1300	12	64	100	20	72	77
	1350	3	45	77	68	102	105
Kingfisher	460	60	70	85	1	6	11
(*517)	500	20	41	58	3½	17	21
	550	1	16	30	35	45	49
Ladbroke	220	28	35	39	1	6	9
(*244)	240	9	21	26	2½	13	16
	260	1½	12	19	16	24	28
Land Sec	460	30	45	53	1	6	10½
(*487)	500	1	18	30	15	22	29
	550	1	4½	11	65	65	65
M & S	240	28	36	41	1	2½	5
(*267)	260	8½	20	26	2	8	11
	280	1	10	16	15	18	20
Sainsbury	326	48	57	64	1	2	5
(*372)	356	18	33	41	1	7	11
	386	1	14	24	16	22	25
Shell	460	76	87	90	1	3	5
(*533)	500	36	48	60	1	9	14
	550	1½	18	33	20	32	35
Smkl Beech	750	79	98	115	1	8	14
(*828)	800	29	60	80	3	22	28
	850	2	35	55	32	43	50
Storehse	100	10	15	–	1½	3½	–
(*108)	110	1½	8½	–	4½	8	–
	120	¼	5	7	14	15	16
Trafalgar	220	25	36	41	1½	8½	15
(*239)	240	5	23	27	4	16	24
	260	1½	13	18	22	27	35
Ultramar	260	7	16	24	6	13	16
(*258)	280	2	7	15	25	28	30
	300	1	4	8	45	47	47
Unilever	650	102	119	–	1	3	–
(*747)	700	52	75	89	1½	8	14
	750	7	41	58	9	23	32
	800	1	17	33	55	57	60
Utd Bisc	330	47	56	61	1	3	5½
(*375)	360	17	31	40	1	10	15
	390	1½	14	23	17	23	29
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	390	35	49	–	3½	7	–
(*416)	420	14	30	38	14	20	26
	460	3	13	20	45	46	49
BAT Ind	600	147	152	–	1	2	–
(*738)	650	98	105	125	1	7	10
	700	53	66	89	5½	18	24
	750	19	36	58	23	38	45
BTR	360	53	55	63	2	6	8
(*403)	390	25	33	43	6	15	18
	420	8	17	28	21	30	33
Br Aero	550	25	37	55	14	26	32
(*557)	600	6	16	32	48	57	60
	650	1¼	6½	17	98	100	105
Br Telecom	330	34	38	43	2½	6	8½
(*360)	360	9	19	25	13	17	22
	390	1	7½	13½	39	39	42
Cadbury	360	17	27	38	9½	16	19
(*364)	390	5	14	24	30	33	35
	420	2	6½	–	58	59	–
Guinness	900	96	115	142	3	11	18
(*981)	950	53	77	105	10	25	32
	1000	23	50	75	32	47	52
GEC	180	10	16½	19	2½	4¼	6¼
(*185)	200	2	7	11	15½	16½	18½
	220	1	2¼	5	36	36	36
Hanson	200	14½	22	23½	2½	5½	10½
(*209)	220	3	10	13	12	14	21
	240	1	3¼	6½	31	31	35
LASMO	300	63	67	77	1½	–	7
(*360)	330	35	45	55	4½	11	15
	360	11	26	36	16	22	27
P & O	500	64	70	78	3	12	15
(*555)	550	25	35	47	15	32	37
	600	5½	15	27	50	65	70
Pilkington	140	16	23	25	2½	6	8½
(*152)	160	5	11	15	12	14	19
	180	2	6	8	30	30	32
Prudential	220	22	26	33	2	5½	7½
(*238)	240	8½	14	21	8½	14	16
	260	2	7	–	23	27	–

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Racal	200	30	38	45	1½	5	7
(*225)	220	11½	24	31	7	12	14
	240	5½	14	20	18	22	25
RTZ	550	33	46	62	9	21	25
(*564)	600	8	22	37	36	46	50
	650	2	10	21	85	87	89
Scot New	360	55	57	63	2	4½	8½
(*410)	390	25	36	43	7	13	17
	420	7½	20	28	24	30	34
Tesco	253	35	–	–	1½	–	–
(*283)	280	13	22	29	7	10½	13
	300	4½	9½	18	19	22	24
Thames W.	350	33	42	50	2½	5	8
(*377)	370	14	28	36	7	11	15
	400	3½	12	19	28	30	32
Lucas	130	15	19	20	3	6	8
(*139)	140	7½	12	15	6	11	13
	160	2	5½	7	21	26	27
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	460	48	63	75	1	6	10
(*507)	500	10	35	48	3½	17	23
	550	1	13	24	46	46	47
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat.	260	35	43	49	2½	4½	6½
(*292)	280	20	29	35½	6½	10	13
	300	9	18	24½	17	19½	22
Amstrad	45	7½	9½	11½	3	4½	6
(*49)	50	4	6½	9	5	7	8
	60	2	3½	6	12	14	14½
Barclays	420	50	61	71	5	10	14
(*467)	460	21	36	47	19½	25	30
	500	7	18	–	47	50	–
Blue Circ	220	36	41	48	2½	6	8
(*250)	240	20	28	36	8	12	15
	260	10	18	25	19	23	25
Br Gas	200	70	–	–	1	–	–
(*269)	220	50	50	52	1½	2	4
	240	30	31	34	2½	5	7
	260	12	18	21	9	12	14
Dixons	180	40	46	–	1½	2½	–
(*215)	200	23	28	35	3½	7	9
	220	9½	17	22	12	15	17
Eurotunnel	420	55	70	85	10	18	23
(*456)	460	28	45	60	27	35	40
	500	13	30	43	53	60	63
Forte	240	18	23	29	6	11	13
(*247)	260	7	13	19	17	21	23
	280	3	7	12	34	35	36
Glaxo	1200	109	139	170	23	35	45
(*1274)	1250	74	109	139	42	57	65
	1300	46	82	114	67	79	85
Hawker	500	74	82	95	5	13	19
(*556)	550	35	49	65	22	30	38
	600	15	28	42	52	60	65
Hillsdown	200	27	32	38	2½	6½	8
(*220)	220	13	20	25	10	15	16
	240	5	10	16	25	26	28
	260	2	5	–	45	45	–
Lonrho	240	29	36	39	4	6½	13
(*265)	260	13½	21	25	11	15	21
	280	6	13	–	24	27	–
Midland	160	40	–	–	1	–	–
(*194)	180	23	30	36	4	6½	9
	200	10½	18	24	12½	15½	18
	220	4½	10	16	27	29	30
Reuter	700	98	122	141	10	20	28
(*774)	750	62	89	109	25	36	45
	800	35	62	82	49	60	58
	850	18	42	61	84	93	98
R.Royce	140	18½	20½	24½	3	5	7
(*154)	160	6	10	14½	13	14	16½
	180	2	4½	–	28	29	–
Sears	70	9	11	13	2½	4	4½
(*76)	80	3	5½	7½	6½	7½	9
	90	1¼	2½	–	15	15	–
Thorn EMI	650	84	100	111	5	9	19
(*720)	700	45	65	78	16	24	28
	750	20	38	50	40	45	51
	800	8	–	–	80	–	–
TSB	130	16	19	22	1¼	3	5
(*145)	140	7	13	15	5	7	9
	160	2	4½	7	20	20½	22
Vaal Reefs	70	10½	14½	16	5½	8	10
(*576)	80	5½	10	12	10½	13	15½
Wellcome	650	87	102	122	11	20	27
(*711)	700	51	70	92	28	38	43
	750	25	46	67	54	64	67
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastn Elec	160	29	34	37	1½	3	4½
(*186)	180	12	20	23	5	8	11
	200	3½	9	13	17	18	21
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power.	130	19	21	23	3½	4½	6½
(*149)	140	10½	14	16	6	8	10
	160	2	5½	7½	21	22	23
Scot Power	90	18	22	–	1¼	1½	–
(*104)	100	10	14½	–	2½	4	–
	110	4½	8	–	8½	9	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2542)

	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550	2600
Calls						
Jul	204	151	105	59	24	5½
Aug	219	175	130	91	55	32
Sep	240	195	155	115	84	58
Oct	252	210	172	136	105	78
Dec	–	252	–	183	–	122
Puts						
Jul	1	2	4	9	26	61
Aug	7	11	17	29	47	75
Sep	12	19	29	43	59	83
Oct	21	28	38	53	70	100
Dec	–	45	–	65	–	108

July 19, 1991 Total: 18757 Calls 14229 Puts 4528 FT-SE: Calls 2738 Puts 858
*Underlying security price.

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Prudential to shed 550 jobs as part of insurance shake-up

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Prudential, Britain's largest insurance group, has announced 550 redundancies and the closure of 17 departments as part of a reorganisation of its general insurance business.

Company executives told meetings of 1,550 staff from the claims division around the country yesterday lunchtime that one in three would lose their jobs within the next 18 months. In April, the Pru came under fire from investors when it revealed that it had increased the pay of Mick Newmarch, its chief executive, by 43 per cent to £544,000, despite a slump in group profits.

The company is relocating its 22 claims departments into five regional centres in Cardiff, Chester, Glasgow, Nottingham and London. In the past, claims departments have often occupied the same centres as the Prudential's sales division. The computerised regional centres are being designed to process smaller claims more quickly.

A spokesman said the move was designed to improve customer service, and that the company hoped to make many of the job cuts through voluntary methods, including voluntary redundancy and early retirement.

The radical reorganisation comes after Mr Newmarch promised in March that the company would take remedial action to stem heavy losses in its household and motor insurance business. Analysts expect the job cuts to save the Pru up to £9 million a year. Last year, the group's pre-tax profits fell 37 per cent to £244 million.

The reorganisation, however, will further damage morale at the insurance group. On Tuesday, the Pru's 14,000 financial advisers began limited industrial action in response to scenario three, the group's plan for restructuring its sales force.

The financial advisers, who belong to the National Union of Insurance Workers, are protesting against the pension rights and management structure under scenario three. They have refused to attend staff meetings or training sessions. The company and the union stress the action will not affect the group's service to customers.

The action comes despite the advisers' general agreement with the reorganisation proposals. Scenario three recommends dividing the Pru's sales force into two parts. One will concentrate on the Pru's traditional customer service business, while the rest will become financial consultants and specialise in the group's more sophisticated savings products.

The latest job cuts in claims are part of a complete overhaul of the group that has been engineered by the chief executive. Last November, Mr Newmarch decided to dispose of the group's loss-making estate agency operations, at a cost of more than £300 million. He is intent on restoring the Pru's core business to a dominant role in the UK insurance market.

Remedial action: Mick Newmarch, Prudential chief executive, who promised to stem the company's heavy losses in its insurance business

Institution seeks disclosure of TV franchise bids

By ANGELA MACKAY

A LEADING institutional investor has urged the Independent Television Commission to make a full disclosure of the 40 bids vying for 16 television franchises to prevent uncertainty and the creation of a *false market* in television company shares.

David Rough, managing director of Legal & General Investment Management, said he believed there was a false market in the shares, contrary to the Stock Exchange's findings. Press reports of the size of bids has caused sharp fluctuations in prices this week.

Speaking on Channel Four's *Business Daily*, Mr Rough said: "I believe that when you are trading on information which is only issued by newspapers and cannot be commented on by either the companies or the ITC then you are dealing on false information." The commission should make a formal announcement of all the bids because there "was no benefit now in not making a full disclosure".

A commission spokesman said it had no intention of revealing the bids. Knowing the bids in advance might cause more speculation than not knowing because the market might automatically think that the highest bidders would win. Success depended just as much on the quality of the products the bidders were planning to produce and also the strength of their overall business plan, he said.

Another fund manager, who has stakes in two television companies but asked not to be named, said that even though the Stock Exchange was standing by its decision that there is no false market, the commission should release companies from secrecy commitments. Last time the franchises were granted, there were fewer listed companies that could have been affected, he said.

Rough: "false market"

Shares in Central Independent Television increased another 20p yesterday, reflecting growing market confidence that the company would be successful in its bid to retain the television franchise for the Midlands area.

Central closed at 820p, nearly £2 above its low for the week, after an unconfirmed report on Thursday said it had kept its franchise with a bid of less than £1 million.

One of the bidders, TVS, will reveal details of its bid to shareholders at an extraordinary meeting next month. It is believed the commission initially opposed TVS telling sharholders but relented when it realised that not to do so would have breached Stock Exchange rules.

ICI seeks ruling on dumping

ICI Australia is taking court action to stop European, Asian and American companies from allegedly dumping polythene and sodium cyanide on the Australian market.

Bruce McAllen, a spokesman, claimed the companies had been dumping the chemicals below prices charged in their home countries, grossing about Aus$300 million (£140.8 million) from below-market sales. ICI protested to the country's Anti-Dumping Authority, but its case was rejected and it has started action in the federal court to have the authority's decision reviewed.

ICI Australia is 62.4 per cent owned by Imperial Chemical Industries. Mr McAllen claimed polythene was being dumped by companies from countries including Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Israel, Italy and Japan, while countries dumping sodium cyanide included Britain, Germany, Italy, Japan and America. He claimed offending companies had captured 20 per cent of the Australian market for polythene, and most of the sodium cyanide market.

Brent Walker

Advisers to Brent Walker, the troubled leisure group, said that one Japanese bank was still blocking the conclusion of a refinancing deal. The advisers hoped the deal would be resolved on Monday morning after a month-long struggle to obtain agreement from 47 banks.

Lonrho in USSR

Lonrho South Africa, owner of significant platinum interests there but small compared with the country's Rustenburg platinum group, this week held talks in the Soviet Union involving technical and marketing issues, it said in Johannesburg.

Gibbs Mew falls

Gibbs Mew, the Wiltshire brewer quoted on the USM, has announced pre-tax profits of £673,000 for the year to end-March against £1.52 million for the previous year. There is a final 3.75p dividend making a same again 6.75p payout for the year.

Kuffeler resigns

John van Kuffeler, the chief executive of Brown Shipley Holdings, the merchant banking group, has resigned "to pursue to his own business interests" after eight years with the bank.

SFA fines company £70,000

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

THE Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) has fined GW Futures £70,000 and ordered it to pay costs of £17,000 for a series of rule breaches. The firm has also agreed to pay clients $100,000 in compensation.

The firm admitted failing to act in the best interests of its customers and failing to act with due skill, care and diligence in the course of investment business.

The SFA said that GW Futures has now reorganised its compliance organisation and controls.

The SFA has also fined ECU Futures (formerly Petley & Co) £9,000 for a breach of advertising rules and disciplined the company.

Michael Peter Delahunty, formerly a registered representative with Brown Shipley Stockbroking and then with National Investment Group, has been reprimanded for dealing with two clients without the necessary customer agreements being in place.

He also gave the SFA false and misleading information. He has since left the financial services industry.

Major confident of recovery this year

By ANATOLE KALETSKY AND RICHARD FORD

JOHN Major yesterday staked his own credibility on the government's prediction that economic recovery would start before 1991 is out. He went further than previous statements by the Chancellor, by promising a "great improvement" in economic conditions before the year end.

Speaking to the Commons on the results of the G7 summit, the prime minister said: "I am confident that in the second half of this year the economy is going to begin to take off again. There is clear evidence . . . that the world is coming out of recession."

Mr Major added: "There are far too many indications for anyone to doubt that, in the second half of this year, there will be a great improvement and we will be driving out of recession."

The prime minister's assertions were not shared by City economists, who generally predicted that growth would remain slow, even after the economy began to recover. Most private economists, however, endorsed the government's forecast that the recession would end this year, with some predicting that gross domestic product might increase slightly this quarter.

Earlier, the prime minister was clearly annoyed by a jibe from Neil Kinnock. The Labour leader, citing Britain's rising unemployment and falling output, said: "In view of the need to do nothing to make the parlous state of the Soviet economy worse, will he urgently reverse the decision to send the Chancellor to the Soviet Union?"

Mr Major said: "It is surprising how the Right Honourable gentleman always seeks in one way or another to try and sell this country short."

Mr Major's expressions of optimism about Britain coincided with the German government's most confident predictions to date about eastern German recovery. But the bullish comments from the German government were combined with a warning by Helmut Schlesinger, the president-elect of the Bundesbank, that monetary conditions might have to be tightened further to restrain wage rises.

Jurgen Moellemann, the German economics minister, told a press conference: "There are unmistakable signs the east German economy is starting to recover. I am convinced emerging growth factors will outweigh the negative fallout of the continuing structural changes starting from next year." Herr Moellemann added that western Germany's gross national product would probably expand by more than 3 per cent this year.

Herr Schlesinger, in an interview published in *Finanzen*, the business magazine, said that it was "an open question" whether the tighter German monetary growth targets announced last week would be enough to prevent a wage price spiral. If not "we will have to use additional instruments in support of the decision," he added.

Herr Schlesinger's warning brought a further sharp rise by the mark on the foreign exchanges. The dollar fell almost three pfennigs to DM1.7490, as speculators were forced to cover short positions. The pound remained stable at around DM2.9550.

Ritz pair 'owe £650,000'

By MARTIN BARROW

AUDITORS investigating unauthorised personal expenditure by two former directors of Ritz Design Group estimate the amount owed to the company to be £650,000, more than twice their original estimate.

Michael Bancroft and Tony Cartwright resigned as chairman and finance director respectively on July 1 as Touche Ross, the auditors, began investigating the company's financial affairs.

The two executives, who have agreed to repay this sum with costs, tax penalties and accrued interest, are the subject of a separate investigation by the Inland Revenue.

Richard Clemons, the acting chairman, told shareholders the company had received tentative approaches about a merger. Discussions are taking place with Charterhouse Bank, the company's financial advisers. Trading had not been affected by the incident, said Mr Clemons.

Mr Bancroft retains a 21 per cent stake in Ritz, whose shares rose 9p to 152p yesterday. Mr Cartwright's 148,275 shares are currently worth about £225,000.

Names decide to start legal action

By JONATHAN PRYNN

LOSS-MAKING names on the Lloyd's Pulbrook 334/85 syndicate have voted to launch a negligence action against the agents and brokers involved in the placing of a disputed run-off reinsurance policy in 1981.

At a meeting held at Lloyd's yesterday, about 40 members of the Pulbrook 334 Names Association voted unanimously in favour of pursuing the claim. Members of the 254 strong asociation who were not present at the meeting include Robert Maxwell, the publisher, Harry Hyams, the property developer, and Lord Nelson, descendent of the admiral. In total, about 560 names are on the syndicate.

The legal actions relate to losses incurred by the syndicate as a result of the failure of the run-off reinsurance policy which was overturned, in a February 1990 arbitration, on grounds of non-disclosure by Winchester Bowring, the broker that placed the policy.

The arbitration resulted in massive asbestosis and pollution claims falling on the Pulbrook 334 names, who have already lost £26 million. The case mirrors that being bought by a sister syndicate, Pulbrook 90, which faces much larger losses.

As well as a negligence and misrepresentation claim against Pulbrook Underwriting Management, now owned by Merretts, the names are also suing Winchester Bowring, the broker, for negligence, and nine members agents for breach of contract. One of the members' agents is also being sued for negligence.

Clive Francis, the chairman of the association, said that the legal action was now fully funded and the writs would be served next week. Members of the association have already given or promised £800,000 to finance the action. The case is not expected to come to court for at least 18 months.

The association has also hired the advisory services of Tom Benyon, the former MP and Lloyd's troubleshooter who is involved in an number of Lloyd's names' action groups and this month launched the Society of Names. "Of all the syndicates I'm involved with, this seems to be one of the clearest cut cases I've seen," he said.

Moves agreed on securities rules

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

New urgency: John Redwood plans to help regulators

BRITAIN, America and Japan have agreed on moves towards standardising regulation of their securities markets and improving the exchange of information on multinational firms suspected of wrongdoing.

John Redwood, corporate affairs minister, said the agreement would help ensure regulators were "up with the game" in their efforts to detect and pursue attempts to manipulate markets.

He was speaking after a day of talks with Richard Breeden, the chairman of the American Securities and Exchange Commission, and Teruki Uchida, the deputy director general of securities at the Japanese ministry of finance. Mr Redwood was accompanied at the talks by Sir David Walker, chairman of the SIB.

The discussions, at Hever Castle, Kent, built on the work of the Airlie House meeting in Washington last September. They were given new urgency by recent scandals involving Japan's biggest securities houses. Yesterday, Mr Uchida said his ministry had no evidence that overseas subsidiaries of the Japanese firms had been involved.

The "understandings" reached by the authorities will form the basis of detailed discussions, which may lead to legislation. Japan is already planning changes to its securities trading laws. Mr Ochida said, however, that there were still some areas of disagreement between the parties. He declined to provide details.

Financial markets in Japan, Britain and America account for more than 70 per cent of the world's transactions. Under the new framework, the authorities agreed that regulation would be based on the principles of competition, openness and a "good" quality of disclosure.

They promised to exchange information rapidly when problems arose that were likely to affect the financial position of securities firms with multinational operations.

Central to the agreement will be measures to ensure confidentiality, so that the authorities can discuss their suspicions more easily, without having to wait for firm evidence of wrongdoing.

The authorities will endeavour to develop common regulatory principles for international business. Initially, standardisation will focus on regulation of investment advisory and discretionary fund management services.

Each country will keep watch on the need for closer co-operation in the supervision of derivatives markets. There will also be moves towards international co-operation in the enforcement of judgments, and to investigate the possibility of improving procedures under international law.

Morton steps up transport pollution tax drive

Treasury challenge: Sir Alastair urges extra spending

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SIR *Alastair Morton*, the Eurotunnel chief executive, has stepped up his campaign for the creation of a £20 billion transport investment fund by accusing the Treasury of "more than a decade of neglect" of transport infrastructure.

Objections to his plan for a tax on transport pollution to finance improvements had been undermined by the privatisation of utilities during the Eighties, Sir Alastair said. He told the Association of Municipal Engineers, meeting in Brighton, that privatisation effectively led to the creation of a "tax" on consumers to finance particular infrastructure investment. Treasury objections to a dedicated pollution tax, therefore, could no longer be sustained.

The taxation argument is central to *Sir Alastair's battle* to reform government and Treasury attitudes to transport funding. He said later that ministers were "shell shocked" by his proposals, but had "shifted quite a long way".

With the three tunnels beneath the Channel complete, and a rail link through them scheduled to open in less than two years, Sir Alastair is mounting an increasingly outspoken battle for more spending on transport links in Britain.

He told his audience that without a new approach, "there will never be enough public sector investment from here to 1995 to make good in this century the deficiencies in infrastructure investment between 1975 and 1991". Transport spending would also be forced to compete for funds with other government priorities.

Sir Alastair's proposal, first outlined in May, is for a *pollution* tax on *all forms of* transport, to be set aside for a transport investment fund. The tax would be levied according to a "pollution index" based on the amount of noise and exhaust emissions produced, land used, and death and injury caused by each mode of transport taxed.

The tax could be in addition to existing taxes and fees, including the road fund licence on cars and air traffic levies, or it could be allocated part of the revenues they generate. It should raise about £4 billion a year for five years. The transport investment fund, Sir Alastair believes, could be used as a form of mezzanine finance for transport infrastructure projects largely funded by the private sector.

Sir Alastair is well versed in the operation of so-called hypothecated taxation, raised for particular purposes. He was previously an executive at the British National Oil *Corporation, a state-owned oil* company created during the Seventies on the back of revenue from taxes on North Sea oil production. He said privatisation of the water and electricity industries had enabled huge investment without recourse to state funds.

He added: "Since we cannot privatise all the infrastructure, we have to develop a partnership between private capital and public sector investment. The Treasury goes completely blank on this question, but occasionally stumbles part of the way towards the answer — as in the case of the Dartford tunnel and bridge scheme. It can be done. Private and public capital can work together in partnership, sharing the rewards."

He insisted, however: "A seriously large sum of public sector investment capital must be made available alongside some hefty sums of private capital."

Without additional spend*ing, Britain would face the* penalty of being on the periphery of Europe.

STOCK MARKET

Rothmans rises on hopes of offer for minority from Richemont

IS RICHEMONT, the group based in Switzerland, which is associated with the South African Rembrandt Group, about to mop up the remaining shares in **Rothmans International**, the British tobacco company?

Rothmans' share price climbed 26p to £10.35, after touching £10.45, and the speculators believe that a deal could be close. Richemont already owns almost 63 per cent of Rothmans and so full ownership of the shares is likely to be one of the subjects raised by analysts at a presentation that Richemont is giving in Johannesburg next Wednesday. Rothmans' annual meeting takes place two days later in London.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Smith New Court are both believed to have executed buy orders in Rothmans yesterday, raising total turnover in the shares to 445,000 in a thin market. Their rival, Hoare Govett, has also been a big buyer recently. Rothmans continues to fire on all cylinders and also has about £700 million in cash.

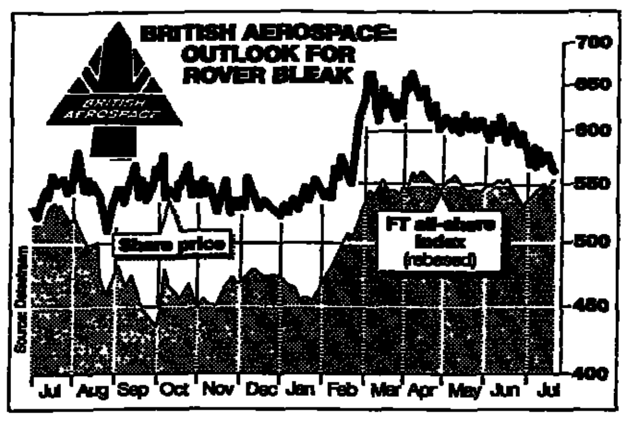
Its price has risen from 660p at the start of the year but still trades at a discount to the average market rating. However, its performance appears almost sluggish compared with Richemont. The rest of the equity market spent much of the day mirroring the fortunes of Wall Street. An overnight rise of 37 points in the Dow Jones industrial average enabled the FT-SE 100 index to open with a 10-point lead. But a hesitant start in New York left the index 5.8 lower at 2,541.5 at the close. The FT index of 30 shares shed 9.5 at 1,959.5 with a total of 441 million shares traded.

Government securities saw gains of £¼ wiped out as the Bank of England issued a £1 billion tap stock. Prices at the longer end finished £½ lower.

British Gas firmed 1p to a year's high of 271p in heavy turnover which saw 13 million shares change hands. This latest flurry of demand was prompted by a buy note from Strauss Turnbull, the broker, forecasting strong dividend growth during the next six years.

Irene Himona, an analyst, says that dividend growth could be as much as 10 per cent — double the market average. Worries about gas pricing seem to be subsiding, she says, with the company continuing its talks with Ofgas, the industry regulator.

Glaxo firmed 10p to £12.73, helped by a profits upgrading by County NatWest WoodMac, the broker. It has raised its forecast for next year by £47 million to £1.46 billion, largely because of the dollar. But the slide continued in **Wellcome** with the shares falling 7p to 711p on worries about the threat of competition to AZT, its anti-Aids drug.



RMC Group fell 15p to 640p, hit by brokers' profit downgradings. **Low & Bonar**, the packaging and plastics group, was steady at 247p as Tomkins, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate headed by Greg Hutchings, disposed of its near 5 per cent holding. The 3.7 million shares were bought by Smith New Court, the company's own broker, and placed with various institutions at 242p each.

Beazer, the construction group, touched 72p before closing 9p cheaper at 78p. The fall stemmed from the news that the shares in Beazer Asia had been suspended on the Hong Kong stock exchange after a sharp fall. Beazer was soothing shareholders' fears earlier this week on the planned demerger of its European operations.

Edmond Holdings, the housebuilder, lost 7p to 36p after announcing that bid talks with Taylor Woodrow had ended without agreement. **Hawker Siddeley**, the subject of intense bid speculation recently, fell 13p to 556p as the profit takers moved in.

British Aerospace touched 553p before closing 3p lower at 557p in the wake of a profits downgrading by James Capel, the broker.

Capel has cut its forecast for the current year from £380 million to £350 million, excluding exceptional items. It blames this on the gloomy outlook for the car industry which is bound to be reflected in the performance of Rover. Now that Rover is heading towards a four-day week, the prospect of a recovery in sales in the final quarter appears remote. However, Capel says it still takes a positive stance on the shares.

The water companies made strong gains with chart analysts claiming the shares were a buy after going fully paid last Monday. **Anglian** jumped 9p to 377p, **Northumbrian** 5p to 384p, **North West** 15p to 377p, **Severn Trent** 7p to 339p, **Southern** 11p to 341p, **South West** 5p to 357p, **Thames** 11p to 377p, **Welsh** 10p to 382p, **Wessex** 3p to 389p, and **Yorkshire** 5p to 383p.

Thorn EMI slipped 11p to 720p after a gloomy statement to shareholders at the annual meeting.

Colin Southgate, the chairman, gave a warning that none of the group's businesses were seeing an improvement in their markets and that, for some, the outlook had deteriorated since the end of May. He said the rental market reflected the fall in consumer confidence and worldwide music sales were dull.

Ritz Design rallied 10p to 151p. The company is now in talks about a merger.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	2,177	Cadbury	387	Lonrho	2,248	Royal Bank	389
Alld-Lyons	535	CU	421	Lucas	467	Royal Ins	1,011
Anglian	154	Courtaulds	546	M&S	2,114	Sainsbury	1,576
ASDA	3,085	Enterprise	1,426	Maxwell Cm	6,098	Scot & N	2,043
AB Foods	498	Eurotunnel	95	MEPC	68	Scot Power	670
Argyll	3,517	Fisons	544	Midland	1,401	Sears	2,858
Arjo Wigg	1,343	Forte	478	Natl Power	9,212	Severn Trnt	2,500
BAA	690	Gen Acc	230	Nat West	2,805	Shell	2,528
BET	548	GEC	6,487	N W Water	2,200	Smith & N	4,420
BTR	2,264	Glaxo	2,771	P&O	1,197	SK Beech	2,488
BAT	889	Grand Met	1,348	Pearson	158	Sun Allnce	308
Barclays	2,488	GUS 'A'	179	Pilkington	539	Tarmac	1,399
Bass	387	GRE	5,319	PowerGen	3,159	Tate Lyle	5,586
BICC	694	Guinness	574	Prudential	3,713	TSB	2,055
Bk Scotlnd	1,554	Hanson	8,136	Racal	5,610	Tesco	2,401
Blue Circle	837	Hawker	1,154	Rank	925	Thames Wtr	1,800
BOC	219	Hillsdown	2,425	R&C	460	Thorn EMI	805
Boots	1,740	ICI	529	Redland	425	Trafalgar	802
Br Aero	933	Inchcape	1,268	Reed	577	Ultramar	2,201
Br Airways	1,119	Kingfisher	615	Rentokil	174	Unilever	1,832
Br Gas	13,102	Lasmo	3,097	Reuters	711	United Bis	357
Br Petrol	5,130	Ladbroke	751	RMC Gp	713	Wellcome	557
Br Steel	3,618	Land Sec	314	RTZ	1,816	Whitbrd	1,517
Br Telecm	4,004	L&G	1,196	R-Royce	4,051	Williams	2,626
C&W	1,874	Lloyds	1,303	Rothmans 'B'	445	Willis Cor	831

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3016.77 (+0.45)*
S&P Composite .... 384.81 (−0.56)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... 22866.36 (−42.35)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4009.35 (+32.52)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1111.23 (+4.99)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 94.1 (+0.2)
Sydney: AO .... 1550.5 (+9.8)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1623.99 (+5.66)
Paris: CAC .... 467.99 (+2.38)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 546.1 (−0.3)
London:
FT.—A All-Share .... 1213.66 (−0.96)
FT.— "500" .... 1347.65 (−1.54)
FT. Gold Mines .... 212.9 (+0.3)
FT. Fixed interest .... 94.52 (same)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.94 (−0.06)
Bargains 27435
SEAQ Volume 441.0m
USM (Datastream) .... 125.62 (+0.21)

*Denotes latest trading price

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	118
Aberforth Split (100p)	103
Alliance Res	22
Brabant Res (155p)	117
Capital Ventures	105
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	100
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	67 −½
Eidos	45
East Germany Inv (100p)	109 +1
Etonbrook	57
Eurocamp	237 +2
Faber Prest	181
Geared Inc (100p)	105
Greencore	210 +3
Greenwich Res	19
Headline Book (100p)	123
Manchester Utd (385p)	285 +1
Mirror Group (125p)	93 +1
Miskin Grp	15
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	281
Pelican Grp	16
Resort Hotels	71
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	63 −1
Standard Platform (225p)	106
Sterling Tst	50 +4
Tollgate	87 −5
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Unichem	150

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Airsprung Furn N/P	9½
Amber Day N/P	15
British Fittings N/P	¼
Buta Res N/P	
Caverdale N/P	¾
Countryside N/P	2 −1
Ex-Lands N/P	1½
Gardner (DC) N/P	1½
Sainsbury (J) N/P	59

(Issue price in brackets).

Dow falls after opening advance

New York

BLUE chips fell in morning dealings after opening higher, but the broad market remained steady. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5 points at 3,011.32 after climbing to 3,022.

Shares in IBM, a market bellwether which reported lower second-quarter earnings yesterday, rose 1 to 99¼, helping to limit the blue chips' fall. Rising shares outnumbered falls by about five to four.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in light trading. The Nikkei index slipped 42.35 points, or 0.18 per cent, to 22,866.36, closing below the 23,000 mark for the second day in a row. Index-related buy and sell programs pushed the Nikkei up and down during the day. Movement was limited, however, before the weekend and with the market's nerves strained by broking and industrial espionage scandals. Turnover was a meagre 200 million shares, against 230 million on Thursday. The Nikkei index was down 271.42 points, or 1.17 per cent, on the week.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Prices closed at a record high after remaining steady above the 4,000 level, despite a bout of late-morning profit taking. The Hang Seng index gained 32.52 points to close at 4,009.35. The blue chip indicator earlier soared to 4,025, setting a trading record, before profit taking emerged. The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 20.98 points to 2,627.69.

☐ **Sydney** — Encouraging comments from Bernie Fraser, the governor of the Reserve Bank, on the economic outlook pushed the leading index to a three-month high. The all-ordinaries index rose to 1,550.5, up 9.8 points.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares ended the week on a slightly more cheerful note, after uncertainty and lack of volume had pushed prices lower in the preceding three days. The Dax index rose 5.66 points to 1,623.99. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Jul 19 midday	Jul 18 close		Jul 19 midday	Jul 18 close		Jul 19 midday	Jul 18 close
Abbott Lab	51[illegible]	52[illegible]	Enron	62	62	Oryx Enrgy	34[illegible]	34[illegible]
Aetna Life	42	42	Entergy	24	24	Pac Ent	28	28[illegible]
Ahmanson	17[illegible]	17[illegible]	Ethyl	25	25	Pac Gas Elec	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
Air Prods	67	67[illegible]	Exxon	59[illegible]	59[illegible]	Pac Telesis	41[illegible]	41
Albertsons	41[illegible]	41	Fed NMA	50[illegible]	54[illegible]	Paccar	47[illegible]	47
Alcan Al	21[illegible]	21[illegible]	Fedrl Exprs	42	42	Pacificorp	21[illegible]	21[illegible]
Alco Stand	33	33[illegible]	Flt Norstar	25[illegible]	25[illegible]	Pall	36[illegible]	37[illegible]
Allied Signal	38	38	Fluor	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	Paramount	40[illegible]	40[illegible]
Alumin CA	71[illegible]	71[illegible]	FMC	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	Parker-Hanfn	26[illegible]	27
Am Brands	40[illegible]	40[illegible]	Ford Motor	34[illegible]	34[illegible]	Penney	48[illegible]	49
Am Cyanamid	65[illegible]	65[illegible]	FPL	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	Pennzoil	75[illegible]	75[illegible]
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Am General	39[illegible]	40	Fst Intrsta	27	30[illegible]	Pfizer	61	60[illegible]
Am Home	60[illegible]	61	Fst Union	24[illegible]	25	Phillips Pet	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Am Intl	85[illegible]	84[illegible]	Gannett	44[illegible]	44[illegible]	Phila Elec	20[illegible]	20[illegible]
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Amer Hess	55[illegible]	55	Gen Elec	72[illegible]	73[illegible]	Pitney Bow	64[illegible]	64[illegible]
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Amoco	52[illegible]	52[illegible]	Gen RE	94[illegible]	95	Pnhdle Estn	11[illegible]	11[illegible]
AMP	54[illegible]	54[illegible]	Gen Signal	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	Polaroid	25[illegible]	25[illegible]
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Anheuser-B	49	49[illegible]	Georgia-Pac	55	55[illegible]	Prctr Gmble	80[illegible]	80[illegible]
Apple Comp	45	44[illegible]	Gillette	35[illegible]	36	Price	53	53[illegible]
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Bankamerica	36[illegible]	36[illegible]	Home Depot	47[illegible]	47[illegible]	Safeco	43[illegible]	43
Bard	25[illegible]	25[illegible]	Homestake	17[illegible]	17[illegible]	Salomon	35[illegible]	35[illegible]
Barnett Bk	29[illegible]	29[illegible]	Honeywell	59[illegible]	59[illegible]	Sant Fe Pac	9[illegible]	9[illegible]
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Boise Casc	25[illegible]	26	Intl Paper	71[illegible]	70[illegible]	Snap-on Tls	33	32[illegible]
Borden	35	34[illegible]	ITT	58[illegible]	58[illegible]	Southern	27[illegible]	27[illegible]
Brist-Myer	80[illegible]	81[illegible]	James River	24[illegible]	24[illegible]	St Paul	63[illegible]	64[illegible]
Browng-Fer	27[illegible]	27[illegible]	Johnsn Jhsn	88[illegible]	87[illegible]	Stanley Wk	41	41
Burl Nth	31[illegible]	30[illegible]	K Mart	45[illegible]	45[illegible]	Stone Cntr	22[illegible]	22[illegible]
CAI	10[illegible]	10	Kellogg	105[illegible]	104[illegible]	Sun Co	30	29[illegible]
Campbell Sp	77[illegible]	77[illegible]	Kerr-McGee	41[illegible]	41[illegible]	Suntrst Bk	32[illegible]	32[illegible]
Cap Cities	479	480	Kimbly-Clrk	104	104	Super Valu	28[illegible]	29[illegible]
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Carolina	46[illegible]	46[illegible]	Lilly	74	73[illegible]	Syntex	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
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CBS	167	169[illegible]	Lin Brdcstg	65[illegible]	64[illegible]	Tandem	13	12[illegible]
Central SW	45[illegible]	45[illegible]	Lincln Nat	47[illegible]	46[illegible]	Tandy	28[illegible]	28[illegible]
Champion	28[illegible]	29	Litton Ind	79[illegible]	79[illegible]	Tele-comm	14[illegible]	14[illegible]
Chase Man	20	20	Lockheed	47[illegible]	45[illegible]	Teledyne	18[illegible]	18[illegible]
Chem Bnkg	26[illegible]	25[illegible]	Louis-Pac	43[illegible]	43[illegible]	Temple-In	48[illegible]	48[illegible]
Chevron	73[illegible]	74[illegible]	Manu Hano	29	28[illegible]	Tenneco	38[illegible]	38[illegible]
Chrysler	14	14	Marriott	18[illegible]	18	Texaco	65[illegible]	66
Chubb	72[illegible]	72[illegible]	Marsh Mclen	79	79[illegible]	Texas Inst	33[illegible]	33[illegible]
Cigna	44[illegible]	44[illegible]	Martin Mar	59[illegible]	58[illegible]	Texas Util	35[illegible]	36
Citicorp	15	15[illegible]	Masco	22[illegible]	22[illegible]	Textron	30[illegible]	30[illegible]
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First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 8	July 19	October 10	October 21

Call options were taken out on: 19/7/91 GRE, HTV, Rosehaugh.
Put: Barratts.
Put & Call: P&P.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 071-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	15.25	16.06	..	..
Bear	15.09	15.89	..	..
Owl	15.29	16.10	..	..
Bull	14.40	15.16	..	..
Stag	14.73	15.51	+0.03	..
Gilt Edged	14.11		+0.01	..
Deposit	13.6		+ ..	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	19.42	20.45	+0.03	..
Bear	19.32	20.34	+0.23	..
Owl	19.84	20.89	+0.37	..
Bull	17.62	18.56	+0.08	..
Stag	17.23	18.14	+0.02	..
Gilt Edged	16.55		+0.01	..
Deposit	16.46		+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	185.3	189.1	+2.36	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	272.0	286.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	441.9	465.2	+0.1	..
Equity Fund Income	128.3	135.1	+2.4	..
Do Accum	157.5	165.8	+2.9	..
Selective Fund	359.1	378.1	+3.2	..
Money Fund	313.3	329.8	+0.6	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	353.5	372.2	..	..
Equity Ser 4	160.2	168.7	+2.5	..
Man Ser 4	472.8	497.7	+2.5	..
Conv Ser 4	277.2	291.8	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	277.0	291.6	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	258.2	271.8	+0.1	..
American Ser 4	349.3	367.7	−3.0	..
High Inc Ser 4	494.8	520.9	+4.3	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	156.6	164.9	+0.2	..
Japan Ser 4	293.1	308.6	−4.6	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	211.80	12.42	+0.09	..
European Fd Accum	253.4	266.7	−2.6	..
Fixed Int Acc	391.5	412.1	+0.5	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	282.7	297.5	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	422.0	444.1	−3.0	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Cash	187.3	197.2	+0.1	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	245.9	258.9	+1.9	..
Can Life Int Fd	258.7	272.4	−1.7	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	94.0	99.5	+0.7	..
Equity Units	£24.75		+1.16	..
Property Units	£27.38		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£48.96	51.81	−0.17	..
2nd Equity Accum	482.5	510.8	+5.5	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	469.5	497.1	+0.9	..
2nd Property Accum	251.4	266.0	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	139.7	147.9	−0.5	..
2nd Managed Acc	344.1	364.1	−1.2	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	163.5	173.0	−0.8	..
2nd Deposit Accum	240.8	254.8	+0.3	..
2nd Gilt Accum	224.2	237.2	+0.2	..
2nd Amer Accum	409.3	433.1	−2.8	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	209.0	221.2	−1.8	..
2nd Index Accum	146.9	155.4	+0.7	..
2nd Far East Accum	330.5	350.2	−16.1	..
2nd Global Accum	117.1	123.9	−0.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	117.3	124.1	−0.6	..
2nd Japan Accum	183.9	194.6	−7.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	71.5	75.7	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	113.7	120.3	−0.9	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	202.8	213.5	..	..
Money Fund	319.8	336.7	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	443.7	467.1	+1.9	..
Equity Fund	258.5	272.2	+3.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	175.0	184.3	..	..
Far East Fund	387.3	407.7	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	111.7	117.6	..	..
Nat Resources Fund	236.0	248.5	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	207.6	218.6	+0.9	..
Ruby	111.5	117.4	−1.2	..
Emerald	112.6	118.6	+0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Gth Prop Series 2	151.5	160.3	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	128.5	136.0	+0.1	..
Cash	134.6	142.4	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	425.2	431.0	..	..
Overseas	118.9	125.6	..	..
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Do Accum	231.0	243.2	−3.0	..
Property Initial	171.2	180.3	..	..
Do Accum	226.0	237.9	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	131.3	138.2	+0.8	..
Do Accum	157.9	166.2	+1.0	..
Deposit Initial	178.2	187.7	+0.2	..
Do Accum	235.8	248.0	+0.3	..
Euro Initial	78.6	82.7	+0.6	..
Do Accum	87.3	91.9	+0.7	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Indexed Stock	160.3		−1.3	..
International	211.9		+1.8	..
Equity A	182.7		+3.1	..
Fixed Int A	129.9		+0.1	..
Property A	157.7		+0.4	..
Deposit A	145.5		+0.3	..
Mixed A	149.9		+2.0	..
Index Stock A	128.2		−1.0	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Property Fund (3)	510.8	537.7	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	442.0	465.3	+1.6	..
Deposit Fund (3)	289.5	304.8	+0.4	..
Unit Fund (3)	170.0	179.0	−1.8	..
Unit-Linked Plus	210.5559		−0.053	..
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl Assurance Hse, Thorpe Wood Peterborough PE3 6SA				

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Inc Gth	259.1	272.8	+3.4	..
Japan Perf	235.6	248.0	−7.8	..
Japan Smlr	209.2	220.3	−4.2	..
Natl High	219.4	231.0	−4.8	..
Prop Shs	131.0	137.9	−1.1	..
Smaller Cos	178.7	188.2	+2.9	..

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031-225-2552				
Cash	229.2	241.3	+0.2	..
Equity	744.9	784.2	+14.7	..
European	116.6	122.8	−0.3	..
Far East	117.7	123.9	−2.3	..

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Big societies refuse arrears help

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Only one building society has reason to feel proud of its approach to debt advice so far. The 14-branch Marsden, based in Lancashire, may be unknown to most Weekend Money readers, but it stands head and shoulders above the giants. It has donated £15,000 to the Money Advice Trust.

Bigger societies have either binned the request that went out to all banks, building societies and other lenders in April, or they have politely refused to donate anything, or sent a paltry £500 or £1,000.

Now is not the time for the societies with mounting arrears to turn their back on independent money advice. It is in their interests, as well as their customers', that there should be professional yet sympathetic advice available. Next month, the building societies will report another record rise in arrears and repossessions. Many acknowledge the worst is yet to come.

The trust asked lenders to fund independent advice by giving it £10 for every £1 million they lend each year. It is hoping to raise £3 million a year. So far, virtually all of its money has come from the banks. The trust reports that the biggest societies are "point blank refusing to pay".

Societies argue that their own helplines and branch staff can deal quite adequately with any problems.

This is not the case. Newspapers receive calls and letters daily from desperate borrowers whose lenders appear unwilling to accept reasonable solutions to their debts.

Sometimes it may be that the customer perceives criticism where there is none. On other occasions staff seem to be more suspicious than they need to be of customers who have temporarily hit hard times. One manager took exception to a customer because she was wearing too much jewellery. A building society or bank branch should be the first to know if a customer has problems.

Too often someone who has lost their job or been ill, has a collection of debts and needs help in sorting out which ones should take priority.

Societies may worry that advisers will suggest that other bills should be paid first. That is unlikely.

There are an estimated 1 million people in Britain with serious debt problems. Sir George Blunden, chairman of the trust, says lenders must take some of the responsibility. Mistakes must have been made. Among these were the plethora of low-start mortgages on offer when interest rates were low in 1988.

They encouraged borrowers to believe they could afford properties that they could not. Now, with monthly payments often tripled and arrears mounting, they are unable to sell their homes.

Borrowers were greedy, but so were the lenders for market share. Both are paying the price.

This week, the Building Societies Commission warned societies not to try to disguise their mortgage arrears.

For reporting purposes these missed instalments cannot just be added to the mortgage and immediately forgotten. They must remain as arrears on the society's books until the borrower has managed to meet six full payments.

The commission is not suggesting that societies should not help borrowers back on their feet by *capitalising arrears*.

It is taking a realistic view that the customer is still at risk and so is his or her home until they show they can pay the full amount regularly.

Societies who have been keen to remove arrears from their records may be the same ones who are reluctant to pay for money advice services lest anyone should think they have problems. If the biggest set an example, that fear would be removed.

Pension path

Anyone retiring in the next year or two should make sure they start to trace their pension entitlement as soon as possible. Even with the help of the new Pensions Registry there are likely to be delays. Information is hard to come by.

Employers may have been taken over or changed their pension scheme. Insurance companies seem to take an inordinate *time to locate preserved pensions* and process transfers.

It took one couple 17 months and plenty of patience to get money held for them (see page 30). There must be many who give up. The delays and denials might almost make a person believe that pension schemes hope to lose contact with members. They also show that persistence is essential.

Secret bank loans put homes at risk from repossession

Bank rules leave spouses in the dark about debt secured on the family home, reports Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

CONCERN about banking confidentiality is stopping some bank managers from telling marriage partners when the family home is taken as security for a business overdraft.

Banks worried about bad debts and the increasing number of failed businesses are asking more customers for a charge on their home as security for their overdrafts. Where the business or personal account is in one name only, the bank may not feel able to talk to the customer's husband or wife about the charge, even though the home may be in joint names.

This dilemma for the banks is often resolved by the bank manager telling the customer that he or she should tell the partner what is happening, and of the risk that the home may have to be sold if the *business fails or the bank calls* in the loan. In most cases, the customer will do this willingly, but some may be reluctant to worry their spouse or to explain details of any business problems. These may only come to light when a bank decides to foreclose and sell the family home.

A spokesman for Lloyds Bank said its hands were tied by confidentiality rules. He said: "It would be up to the account holder to tell his wife if we wanted to secure an overdraft. We would deal with the customer. We could not talk to his wife."

Another spokesman added: "If she is not a joint holder of the bank account we could not discuss the details of the customer's account with her. She is not entitled to that information under law.

"We do assume that husbands talk to wives. We err on the side of caution. We can get fingers burnt if we discuss a husband's account with the wife.

"We have had examples where they have not communicated and we have to be careful. Our small business managers would make it clear *that the partner is the first* person the customer ought to talk to."

If, however, the customer wanted to take out a new loan secured on the home, then the bank would require the signature of any joint owner of the property, he added.

The difficult legal situation comes to light through the experience of David Hustwick, a Weekend Money reader, who was suddenly asked by Lloyds Bank last month to sign a charge on his home to cover his £10,000 business overdraft. If he refused, the bank said it would bounce cheques of more than £5,000. No mention was made of his wife. Mr Hustwick discussed the problem with his spouse, in-laws, accountant and solicitor before deciding that he would not allow the bank to have a charge on his £120,000 home. He decided to write to suppliers telling them cheques he had already written would be bounced and how he planned to resolve the situation.

He said: "Fortunately, they were very understanding. You can't put your home and family at risk. We've just got *to make this work without* that happening."

Mr Hustwick agrees with the bank that the turnover of his kitchen fitting business had fallen during the previous year. "Our turnover was down considerably. This was because we have gone from middle market to upmarket and had to sell the old kitchens and install the new ones. I had told Lloyds about it because I believe in discussing everything with the bank."

The £10,000 limit was negotiated in February. Lloyds said it was only intended to be temporary.

Mr Hustwick denies this and said cheques he had already written should have been honoured. These took his overdraft to about £7,000. Pauline Hedges, of the British Bankers Association, said that even if a wife banked at the same branch as her husband, the bank should not disclose details of his business account to her.

Jean Eaglesham, a senior researcher at the Consumers' Association, said: "The bank is correct. They cannot discuss details of a husband's overdraft with a wife. If a house is wholly owned by him, the bank could take security without telling her. Normally, where it is jointly owned, it is a tricky area. There is a duty of confidentiality.

"I have a certain amount of sympathy with the bank. If it is trying to sort out a business loan it cannot tell a wife that the business is a bit dodgy. Yet the bank cannot get any part of *the wife's interest in the* property without her consent."

A Midland Bank spokesman said that if a jointly owned home was being taken as security, then the wife was "entitled to know the position unless only his half of the property was being assigned". Legally, a bank could still force a sale of the home in this situation if the business failed, he said.

"Forget the legalities; it all comes down to the moral obligations. If the matrimonial home could come under pressure, the practical approach is to call in the wife and discuss it.

"I would not like to be a bank trying to enforce it later on. If the manager discusses it with her she cannot plead ignorance of the charge later on." Ian Lindsey, banking director of Save & Prosper, said the company would write to the second person and explain that it wanted to take a charge on the home and suggest that he or she should take independent legal advice.

He said: "A bank could find it difficult to get possession if the wife has not signed a charge. The charge would sit there until the property was sold. No judge would evict the wife if the husband had not told her of the situation."

He added that if a borrower defaulted on an unsecured loan, it was possible to get a charging order on the home. "You would need a good solicitor to get it, though, if it were jointly owned."

A Barclays spokeswoman said anyone who had an interest in a property would need to be told if a charge was being taken on a home.

NICK MALAND

'It would be up to the account holder to tell his wife if we wanted to secure an overdraft'

One million properties could be at risk

Call for tighter curbs on rates

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR

MORE than 1 million homes in Britain have secured loans or second mortgages. An increasing number of the home owners face being taken to court and losing their properties because they have not kept up payments on the loans.

Interest rates can be more than double the standard mortgage rate for these secured loans and if the borrower fails to keep up the payments, the lenders tend to take them to court more quickly than building societies and banks.

The National Consumer Council (NCC) has called for greater control on the interest rates charged for such loans. The council expressed its concern about the interest rates in its submission to the Office of Fair Trading on extortionate credit.

By the end of the summer, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, should make his recommendations on whether the credit laws need to be changed to prevent overcharging.

Since the Consumer Credit Act 1974 came into force, the council can find no case of a court ordering that the interest rate on a secured loan be reduced, in spite of some lenders charging more than double the standard loan rate for second mortgages.

Sir Gordon has admitted that the current legislation has not been effective in regulating loan rates.

A survey of secured loans by Mori for the NCC in 1987 showed that at least 7 per cent of home owners had secured loans. Of these, 16 per cent were taken out for business purposes, 6 per cent were to pay for cars and other consumer durables and 5 per cent to clear existing debts.

More than half the borrowers claimed that the loans were for home improvements but they had not applied for a further advance to their mortgage from their bank or building society, which would invariably work out cheaper.

While borrowing in general has fallen in recent years, a growing number of people under pressure to pay off credit card or other bills, may be tempted to take out consolidation loans to pay off their existing debts and start again. These are usually secured and often turn a short-term debt into ten or 15 years of payments. The NCC advises anyone thinking of taking out a secured loan to go to a money adviser first. If they have a first mortgage with a bank or building society that lender might be willing to remortgage to clear other debts.

They would only do this, however, if there were sufficient equity in the property.

Other lenders would want to make sure that there would be no danger of there being no money left to pay them if the borrower defaulted on the loan. That is why, in some cases, they pursue their borrowers so quickly when payments are missed.

The Consumers' Association cautions home owners to be wary about exchanging unsecured loans for secured ones. Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher, said: "Lenders move in fairly quickly if there are any problems with a secured loan. If it was unsecured, they would tend to have longer to pay."

She added that people put their homes at risk for only small amounts, sometimes to pay for holidays.

"It is vital that anyone considering a secured loan should make sure that not only can they afford the repayments but that they have a reasonable margin.

"If money is so tight that they are worried they will not be able to meet the payments then the loans should be avoided."

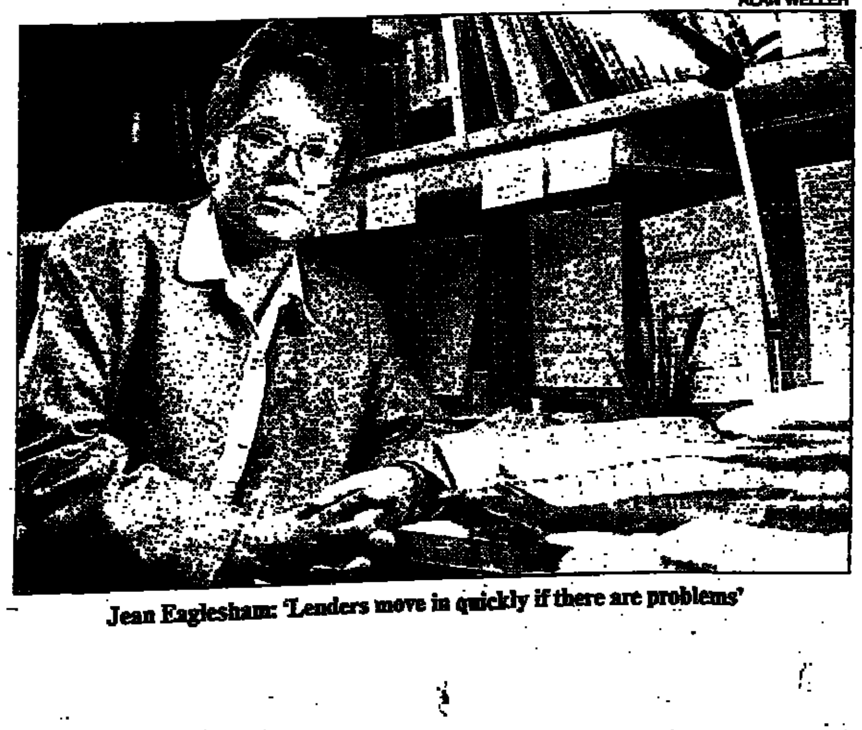
Ms Eaglesham said that reputable lenders would try to make sure that borrowers could afford the loans at the outset.

"Home owners should be very careful before they use their house as back up," she said.

Since February last year advertisements for secured loans have to make it clear that a borrower could lose his or her home if the payments are not kept up.

Yet the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux feels that many people do not understand the implications of secured loans when they take them out.

ALAN WELLER



Jean Eaglesham: 'Lenders move in quickly if there are problems'

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Mistake delays appeal deadline

By BARBARA ELLIS

AN ADMINISTRATIVE error has given an extra 20 days' breathing space to investors and regulators considering an appeal against last month's High Court decision that set a starting date for cover under the Investors' Compensation Scheme.

As the judge's ruling was given on June 21, the deadline for an appeal should have expired yesterday. The judgment, however, was not properly filed until July 10, extending the time limit to August 8.

The parties to the case are the Securities and Investment Board (SIB); the Investors Compensation Scheme; the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association; and Mrs Linda Kelsey, a representative investor backed by SIB.

Although other investors cannot step into Mrs Kelsey's shoes to lodge an appeal if she decides against doing so, they do have other means of countering the court ruling, by seeking a judicial review, for example.

The High Court ruled that compensation should be paid from December 18, 1986. Fimbra had wanted a start date of August 28, 1988.

Tracing retirement funds demands perseverance

Caught in the pension maze

By ANNE CABORN

JOHN WILLIAMS

Dogged detective: Anne Caborn spent months writing to former employers' schemes

PENSION scheme administrators have until the end of this month to submit details to the Pensions Registry or face a £400 fine, but even when the mass of information has been logged, former employees will still find it difficult to get any money owed to them.

A total of 605,000 forms were sent out by the registry. It is estimated that between 400,000 and 450,000 pension schemes exist. So far, details of 70,000 schemes have been received.

"A number of insurance companies are stockpiling forms and plan to send them in one go," John Scott, registry manager, said. "We're confident that by the end of July we'll have about 400,000."

The service has had 101 enquiries already and traced four pensions, but tracking down where a pension lump sum is located is the first rung on what can be an extremely long ladder.

The registry can tell former employees where the funds are held and who to write to, but it cannot tell them whether a pension has been preserved, or how much might be involved.

In addition, it only covers schemes dating back to 1975, when the preservation of pension rights came in. Where information covering the period before 1975 is provided by scheme administrators, it is included on the registry. The amount of pre-1975 information that has been provided amounts to less than 5 per cent of the details received.

Employees who have failed to keep any written evidence showing that a pension has been preserved for them, may find obtaining details can be time-consuming, even if they have a name and address for the scheme.

On October 25, 1989, I wrote to two newspapers that had employed my husband and I in the Seventies. I asked each employer for the transfer value of any pension. All I had to go on were the dates of employment, which I supplied with our National Insurance numbers. Any pension details had long since been lost by us. We probably typified many employees who may move jobs several times, particularly during their first years of employment.

By the end of November, I received information from the Courier Printing and Publishing Company in Kent, which had employed my husband, indicating that there was unlikely to be any significant pension as there was no contributory scheme until the spring of 1974, around the time he left.

The finance director agreed to contact the Harmsworth Pension Fund, which now oversaw the scheme, and said he would contact me again when he had any information.

I did not hear from Southern Newspapers, which had employed my husband and myself in the middle to late Seventies, until mid-December. A letter came from Lane Clark and Peacock, a firm of actuaries in London, who administered the pension fund and who agreed to look into their records, advising me there might be some delay.

By February last year, Lane Clark and Peacock replied with the news that its records showed no evidence of any benefits being preserved for either my husband or myself. They concluded that we received a refund of contributions when we left the paper.

The actuaries asked for photocopies of the letters indicating that my husband and I had benefits preserved for us. I wrote a terse letter asking for photocopies of the documents that showed a refund had been given.

In April, I received a reply from the actuaries admitting that refunds were not paid. Eagle Star had administered the pension scheme in the relevant period, but had not retained appropriate records for us when we left. When pension arrangements were revised in April 1978, the new administrators were not informed of our entitlement to preserved benefits.

In November last year, more than a year since my first letter, we were offered a refund of contributions — which after tax would come to £371.54p for me and £360 for my husband. According to the actuaries, the fund's rules did not normally provide for transfer payments in excess of members' contributions where the member had not qualified for deferred benefits, which in our case meant less than five years' pensionable service.

Interest was added to give transfer payments of £1,554 for my husband and £1,603 for me. Finally, in March, we received cheques for the transfer payments, a year and five months after my first letter.

Meanwhile, back at Courier Newspapers, all was quiet. I wrote again in November last year and in January. When I finally received a reply it repeated the assertion that it was doubtful that there were any benefits and asked for proof of my husband's pension contributions.

In the process of tidying up before moving house, I discovered the letter my husband had been sent when he was hired by the Kent and Sussex Courier in 1973 and the letter he received when he left.

Even without the benefit of records, it became obvious that my husband could only have made about two months contributions to the fund. The last letter I received from the finance director of Courier Newspapers is dated February 11. According to his own enquiries, and he did his best to be helpful, there was no pension due from the non-contributory scheme and any benefits from the Harmsworth scheme would be small, but if he could have my husband's date of birth he would pursue the matter. I have written twice since then and received no response. There seems little point in taking the matter further.

If a significant sum was involved, one route might be a complaint to the Occupation Pensions Advisory Service and, finally, the Pension's Ombudsman.

According to the ombudsman's office, a delay in obtaining information, particularly where an employee has no written evidence of a pension being preserved, would not generally fall within his remit.

The Pensions Registry, PO Box 1NN, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1NN.
Occupational Pensions Advisory Service and the Pensions Ombudsman, 11 Belgrave Road, London SW1V 1RB.

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Minimum investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c: Typical	2.83	2.86	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	7.45	7.45	5.96	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	7.78	7.78	6.22	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	6.75	6.75	5.40	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.03	7.03	5.70	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.08	7.08	5.66	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 529655
" " "	7.08	7.08	5.66	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 529655
NatWest	7.13	7.13	5.70	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	7.03	7.03	5.70	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	7.23	7.48	5.96	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.15	6.29	5.03	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	2.60	2.70	2.16	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.63	5.63	4.50	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	2.25	2.27	1.81	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.72	5.80	4.64	2,000‡	none	0742 529655
NatWest Special Reserve	5.63	5.78	4.62	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.45	6.61	5.29	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	5.18	5.18	4.14	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	3.15	3.15	2.52	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	8.25	8.25	6.60	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	9.19	9.19	7.35	2,500 min	none	—
Northern Rock	9.00	9.00	7.20	25,000 min	30 day	—
Town & Country	8.81	8.81	7.05	10,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.62	9.62	7.70	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	9.19	9.19	7.35	2,500 min	none	—
Mornington	7.88	7.88	6.30	1,000 min	28 day	—
Lancastrian	8.66	8.66	6.93	10,000 min	30 day	—
National Count	9.26	9.26	7.41	10,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.75	9.75	7.80	2,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.41	3.41	2.73	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	4.13	4.13	3.30	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.88	1.88	1.50	1 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Minimum investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	11.00	8.25	6.60	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	11.75	8.81	7.05	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*☐	11.75	8.81	7.05		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert²†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Canada Life	9.20	9.20	7.82	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Assur	9.20	9.20	7.82	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Consolidated Life	9.35	9.35	7.95	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Providence Cap	9.35	9.35	7.95	25,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Allied Dunbar	9.65	9.65	8.20	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (June 90-91)	+5.8%	Spanish Pesetas:	179.00
Bank Base Rate	11.0%	French Francs:	9.77
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachmas:	312.00
Credit Card	19.6-32%	Italian Lira:	2145.00

¹2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ² Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums ☐ No longer on sale

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Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Coventry 0203 555255	9.45	Negotiable	95	2.5% discount for 1st six months
Chesham 0494 782575	9.70	£60K+	95	After 2% discount for 1st year
National & Provinc. 0274 733444	9.95	to £200K	90	2% discount available until 31.3.92
BANKS				
Abbey National 071 224 2241	9.45	£60K+	95	1.5% discount to 31.1.93
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Save & Prosper 071 588 1717	11.45	£5-500K	95	After 1% reduction for 1st year

Source: Bay's Guides Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 660482

Henderson starts fee-based broking

By LIZ DOLAN

HENDERSON Crosthwaite has become the latest stockbroker to launch a fee-based service for people who want their broker to do more than buy and sell shares for them.

The premium-managed service is aimed at people with more than £75,000 to invest on the stockmarket, who do not have the time or inclination to sort out the minutiae of their investment affairs. The service includes collecting, checking and chasing up dividend payments, and recording clients' income in a form that can be presented directly to an accountant for tax assessment.

Investors pay 1 per cent of the first £100,000 under management, but the minimum annual fee is £600, so it is not worth investing less than £60,000.

Patrick Crosthwaite, the firm's managing director, said that the average portfolio is likely to be worth between £150,000 and £200,000. Annual fees on amounts between £100,000 and £250,000 are 0.6 per cent, falling to 0.4 per cent up to £500,000, after which fees are negotiable.

In addition to the basic fees, clients pay commission on each share deal, ranging from 1.25 per cent on the first £10,000 to 0.25 per cent on amounts between £50,000 and £100,000. Minimum commission is £40 a transaction.

Mr Crosthwaite said: "Accountants spend a lot of time chasing up things like missing dividends. We can do all that for them."

Mr Crosthwaite said that Taurus, the International Stock Exchange's electronic dealing system which is expected to commence operations next May, is likely to speed up the process of share trading to such an extent that accounts would eventually have to be settled within five days, rather than the current two or three week period.

The service also includes index-adjusted capital gains tax schedules and a certificate of interest, plus a report every quarter stating how much the portfolio is worth, incorporating details of univested cash, personal equity plans (Peps). A full statement will be sent out at the beginning of each financial year.

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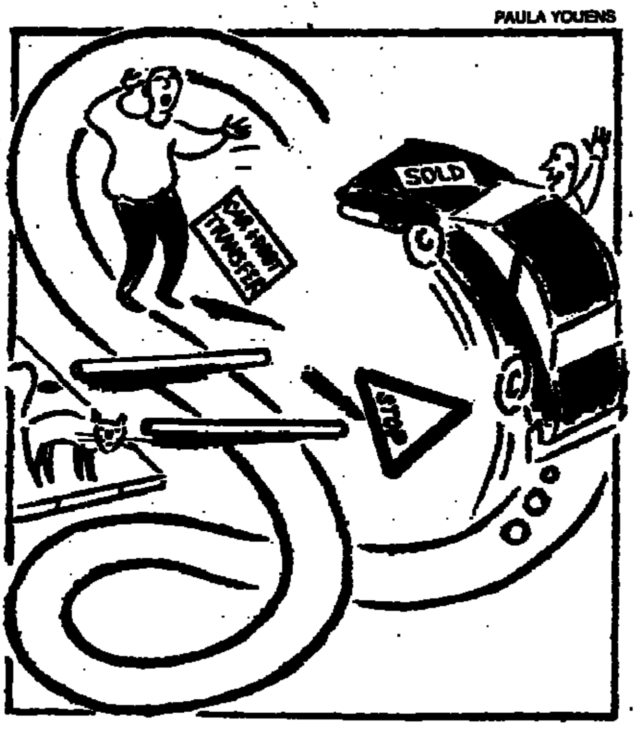
Loan transfers backfire on car owners who sell

By Liz Dolan



PAULA YOUENS

PEOPLE who sell their cars because they cannot keep up hire purchase agreements could end up in a worse financial situation if they sell to one of the growing number of companies who offer to take on their debt as well.

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has had up to 40 enquiries in the past few months from trading standards officers and finance companies about people who thought they had sold both their car and attendant debt to a vehicle transfer agency. They only discover later that they are still liable to the finance company with whom they made the original agreement.

Such cases normally come to light when the person to whom the agency sells the car reneges on the repayments — or simply absconds with the car — and, because the original finance company has not been notified of the transfer, the original buyer has had to pay the money.

The fair trading office is writing to all the transfer agencies it has identified as being involved in the practice, giving a warning that they may lose their consumer credit licence.

An OFT spokesman said: "It is a catch-22 situation. After legal advice, we have decided they cannot practice without a licence, but we don't think they are really fit to have a licence, because they are encouraging people to break a contract with finance houses. At the very least, it is unfair and improper, if not strictly illegal."

The spokesman added: "The director general has always disliked the practice because it encourages people who are obviously having problems repaying their debts to get into even worse trouble."

The OFT has also posted a warning in the Institute of Trading Standards Administration's latest bulletin.

Margarent Waldren, secretary of the Finance Houses Association, said: "It has been happening in a small way for quite some time, but now the practice is rife all over the country."

Ms Waldren is convinced that the recession has exacerbated the situation.

"It started with cars, but now it also involves vans and trucks, and even boats and aircraft."

Advertisements, such as "Having trouble meeting repayments on your car?", are burgeoning in both the national and local press.

"We are concerned that people are unaware of the dangers," she said. The FHA has been notified about "a couple of dozen" cases in which finance companies have had to claim payment from customers who thought they had sold their liability.

"But I'm sure there have been more that we don't know about," Ms Waldren added.

Householders denied right to buy freehold

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

THE announcement that flat owners are to be able to buy the commonhold of their properties will still leave up to 50,000 home owners with declining leases and no right to buy the freehold.

Those who will lose out live mostly in central London and are often elderly. Many face dramatic rises in their rents or high prices to renew their leases. They are leaseholders of houses that fall outside the 1967 Leasehold Reform Act, because the rent they pay or the rateable value of the properties are above the limits set.

To qualify for the right to buy the freehold of a property, or to extend a lease by 50 years, the ground rent has to be no more than two-thirds of the rateable value, which should be no more than £1,500 in London or £750 elsewhere.

The Leasehold Enfranchisement Association, established after the publication of a letter in Weekend Money in October last year, now has more than 1,000 members and is lobbying the government to sort out the anomaly. Under the proposed legislation, flats will have no rent or value limits.

Joan South, one of the founders and campaign coordinator, said: "We have sat in our own houses in a state of anxiety. All over London there are people in the same position. We are now pressing for legislative change to remove the two value-related qualifications. We are very disappointed that we were not mentioned in the announcement on flats on July 12."

Members have a range of different problems as no two leases appear to be the same, even with the same landlord.

"They are varied, from people who are very worried because they have 12 months to go on their lease, to people who have long leases that are subject to rent reviews," Mrs South said.

"I have just been speaking to a widow who has got a rent review coming up. She is desperate. She cannot sell because the rent review is coming up."

Her rateable value is well below the limit but her ground rent is not, so she has to wait to find out what the rent review will be. Another member has a ground rent of £400 and thought he qualified under the act, but has been told he does not.

"People signed leases in 1969 with rents linked to house prices and could not imagine that house prices would rise so much over the next 21 years. In one case, a man of 76 had his rent increased from £200 a year to £10,700," Mrs South said.

In that case, the ground rent is calculated at one thirty-fifth of the land value, which the landlords put at £375,000. The leaseholder, who has 77 years of the lease to run, was offered a change in the calculation to one-sixtieth in return for £50,000.

Leaseholders in Kensington who have lived in homes for more than 30 years and have leases expiring in 1997, are being asked for up to £1.2 million for the renewal of the lease. Another group of leases have 25 to 30 years to run and are virtually unsaleable. Prospective purchasers are put off when the estate office tells them what the price of an extension is likely to be.

Many of the leaseholders do not know whether they will be even offered an extension and dare not speak out for fear of angering their landlords. Some are spending considerable sums of money on their homes in the hope that this will encourage the landlord to renew the lease.

The association has been told by Tim Yeo, undersecretary at the environment department, that he is willing "to take a fresh look, in the context of the commonhold legislation, at the position of all leaseholders". The members were therefore disappointed not to be mentioned in the context of the proposed legislation.

A spokeswoman at the environment department said: "These properties are not included at the moment. It may be that, while the proposed bill is going through, that amendments are suggested and taken on board."

In 1987, the then MP for Kensington, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, tried to change the rules with his freehold entitlement bill. It was cut short by the calling of an election and the MP died soon afterwards.

The association can be contacted at 10 Upper Phillmore Gardens, London W8.

Millions save tax on interest

EIGHT million savings accounts have been registered for gross interest to be paid by banks and building societies. Many other investors, however, could miss out on the opportunity to earn 33 per cent more on their savings (Lindsay Cook writes).

The government estimates that 15 million savers are non-taxpayers. Many have more than one interest-bearing bank or building society account.

Since the abolition of composite rate tax on April 5, non-taxpayers have been able to register their accounts so that interest is paid without deduction of tax. If a saver does not declare he or she is a non-taxpayer, the bank or building society will deduct basic-rate tax from the interest before it is paid.

All banks and building societies have the necessary forms and would prefer customers to register accounts before interest is paid. Under Inland Revenue regulations, however, they can backdate registrations and credit accounts retrospectively with tax that has been deducted.

The Halifax Building Society, which will pay interest on most accounts on July 31, has had 2 million accounts registered for gross payment of interest. At Abbey National, 1.3 million accounts have been registered.

Affinity offers escape from credit card fees

By Barbara Ellis

PEOPLE who object to paying an annual fee for a credit card are finding that more and more banks are starting to charge. There are, however, still many opportunities open to escape annual fees.

The latest to impose an annual charge is Bank of Scotland, which has begun levying £10 on its Visa and Mastercards. Holders of both cards will pay only one £10 fee.

At the same time as introducing annual fees on its own label Visa and Mastercard, Bank of Scotland is running the biggest feeless card operation in the country, with its affinities programme.

The bank has some 100 groups in its Mastercard affinity programme. Bank of Scotland typically pays an affinity group £5 for each card account opened and 25p for every £100 spent with the card.

When asked about transferring between card types, a spokeswoman said: "Customers can close the card and transfer the balance to a non-fee paying affinity card, provided they are or can become a member of an organisation or trade union which offers an affinity credit card."

She would, however, name only three of the 100-plus organisations signed up with Bank of Scotland: the Camping & Caravanning Club, the Royal British Legion and the Trades Union Congress.

"As the bank leaves promotion of affinity cards to the individual associations, anyone wishing to find out if an association or club takes part is advised to contact the association direct," she said.

Alex Steven, affinities manager at Bank of Scotland, said that the bank had no plans to introduce a fee for affinity cardholders.

He said that with the TUC card, the bank did not make any payment to the organisation or collect any percentage on its behalf. Individual union members had credit on the card at an interest rate one percentage point below the bank's standard annual percentage rate.

The affinity card programme at Midland Bank is in complete contrast with Bank of Scotland's operation.

Anyone can apply for the cards on forms available from Midland branches and no membership of any organisation is necessary.

Midland's affinity cards include a National Trust Visa with 45,000 holders and two Mastercards, the Artscard with 23,000 holders and Carecard with 15,000 holders.

Midland pays £5 to the National Trust on first usage of the Visa card and 5p per transaction.

With the Artscard, holders can choose to give to one or all of 87 arts organisations, including the Royal Shakespeare Company. Midland pays £5 on first use of the card and 25p per £100 spent. The same terms apply to Carecard, which covers 18 charities.

Portfolio
PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 33).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+5	+2	+6	+4	+2		
2	+7	+7	+6	+5	+5		
3	+6	+2	+8	+4	+2		
4	+4	+4	+5	+2	+2		
5	+5	+4	+7	+5	+1		
6	+7	+7	+5	+6	+4		
7	+3	+5	+7	+2	+6		
8	+4	+2	+5	+3	+2		
9	+6	+3	+8	+5	+2		
10	+3	+6	+6	+3	+7		
11	+5	+5	+9	+2	+8		
12	+5	+3	+7	+3	+3		
13	+3	+4	+7	+2	+7		
14	+8	+6	+5	+7	+3		
15	+5	+3	+6	+3	+3		
16	+4	+3	+7	+4	+2		
17	+4	+4	+5	+4	+3		
18	+4	+2	+6	+4	+2		
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23	+2	+5	+7	+1	+6		
24	+6	+7	+4	+6	+3		
25	+6	+3	+6	+2	+2		
26	+6	+3	+7	+3	+2		
27	+4	+4	+7	+2	+7		
28	+7	+6	+6	+5	+3		
29	+4	+4	+4	+3	+1		
30	+7	+8	+5	+6	+3		
31	+5	+4	+6	+4	+1		
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38	+3	+6	+8	+3	+7		
39	+5	+2	+6	+4	+3		
40	+3	+4	+7	+2	+7		
41	+6	+3	+5	+2	+3		
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From Mr Edwin Robinson

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LETTERS

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Taxing course of higher education

From Dr Alan M. Cohen

Sir, One of the Government's aims is to increase the number of people pursuing higher education. Another aim is to encourage personal savings and hence the introduction of Peps and Tessas etc. But students beware! Savings carry a Government wealth warning: Savings can damage your grant. To give just one example, the maximum grant available to a student wishing to study at a University or Polytechnic in London is £2,845. If residual parental income (i.e. income less allowances) is £28,000 then the parents are expected to contribute £2,147, reducing the amount of grant available to £698. Should the student be unlucky enough to lose a "maiden aunt" and receive a small bequest in her will which yields £1,313 gross income when invested in a building society, the grant is reduced pound for pound for any income over £615. In this case the available grant will be reduced to zero. Isn't it strange that a Government seeking to expand higher education imposes an education tax, on someone not eligible to income tax (and wishing to protect their assets against inflation) at a higher rate of tax than a company director earning £500,000 p.a.? On the other hand a prospective H.E. student in an identical position who doesn't save but spends £7,000 of the bequest to buy a car could be considered as receiving almost £700 from the Government in travelling expenses!

I would suggest, Sir, that a fairer way to assess grants, and still promote the concept of savings, would be to lump the student's income with the parents' residual income.

Yours faithfully,
A.M. COHEN,
University of Wales,
School of Mathematics,
Senghenydd Road,
Cardiff.

Calling angry BT customers

From Dr W.M. Philip

Sir, There are many folk like myself and Mr Bull (Weekend Money letters, July 6), who are furious with BT over their refusal to accept monthly bank drafts. You yourselves know the dreadful happenings with direct debits. Could you help us by collecting, possibly through me, the names of any BT customers known to you who have so expressed discontent. I would then add them to my list of correspondence with BT. Roll on competition.

Yours faithfully,
W.M. PHILIP,
Drochaid-Geal,
Kilberry by Tarbert,
Argyll, Strathclyde.

Telephone trouble

From Mr G.W. Harris

Sir, How right is Mr Dennis Bull (Weekend Money, July 6) in rejecting British Telecom's demand for direct debit.

I paid my telephone bill at a BT shop in the centre of Liverpool, till receipted, on the June 19; my cheque was cleared through my bank account on June 25 and yet, as at July 5 my account had not been credited with the payment and my phone had been disconnected!

I would approach a BT call box with great trepidation for the fate of my 10p coin.

Yours faithfully,
G.W. HARRIS,
2 Rydecroft,
Vale Road, Liverpool.

● Letters are welcomed, but *The Times* regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns.

CGT ALLOWANCE, JUNE 1991

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in June 1991.

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
January	—	0.623	0.544	0.470	0.393
February	—	0.616	0.538	0.459	0.388
March	0.688	0.613	0.533	0.445	0.386
April	0.655	0.591	0.513	0.415	0.373
May	0.643	0.584	0.507	0.408	0.371
June	0.638	0.581	0.503	0.405	0.371
July	0.638	0.572	0.505	0.408	0.375
August	0.637	0.565	0.491	0.404	0.371
September	0.638	0.558	0.488	0.405	0.364
October	0.630	0.553	0.479	0.403	0.362
November	0.622	0.547	0.474	0.398	0.351
Dececember	0.625	0.543	0.476	0.396	0.346
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
January	0.341	0.298	0.208	0.122	0.030
February	0.336	0.293	0.199	0.116	0.024
March	0.333	0.288	0.194	0.105	0.021
April	0.317	0.267	0.173	0.072	0.008
May	0.316	0.263	0.166	0.063	0.004
June	0.316	0.258	0.162	0.058	—
July	0.317	0.257	0.161	0.058	—
August	0.313	0.243	0.158	0.047	—
September	0.310	0.237	0.150	0.087	—
October	0.303	0.225	0.141	0.029	—
November	0.297	0.219	0.132	0.032	—
Dececember	0.298	0.216	0.129	0.032	—

BRIEFINGS

THE further cut in interest rates has sparked a flurry of special offers for home buyers. Household Mortgage Corporation has launched two new schemes: a straightforward loan capped at 9.95 per cent until next July, and a loan linked to the London Inter Bank Offered Rate (Libor), capped at 12.5 per cent until July 1993.

Mortgage Services, owned by Hypobank, the German mortgage lender, is also offering a mortgage capped at 9.95 per cent until next July. First-time buyers with Yorkshire Building Society now pay 9.4 per cent for the first six months.

Cheltenham & Gloucester has cut its standard rate by 0.6 per cent. New borrowers pay 10.85 per cent on up to 80 per cent of the property valuation, and 11.85 per cent up to 95 per cent. Britannia Building Society is offering new borrowers loans capped at 11.45 per cent, 1 per cent lower than the standard rate, until December.

Norwich and Peterborough Building Society has a fixed rate of 9.95 per cent until December and the Scarborough Building Society is offering a 2 per cent discount on its basic rate of 11.95 per cent, for new borrowers or remortgages of more than £60,000, for six months after completion.

First-time buyers now pay 9.4 per cent on mortgages with Yorkshire Building Society for the first six months.

☐ A short-term bridging loan for people who have already exchanged contracts on their existing homes, is available from Northern Rock Building Society at a 2 per cent discount to its 11.95 per cent new buyers' rate.

☐ Leeds Permanent Building Society has cut its Tessa Gold rate by 0.5 per cent to 11.95 per cent. Rates on its instant access Liquid Gold and 90-day Solid Gold accounts have been cut by an average 0.37 per cent net. The Leeds said that its net Liquid Gold rates have fallen by 1.46 per cent since February, whereas the mortgage rate has come down by 2.55 per cent.

☐ Left-handed account holders with Bank of Scotland will benefit from changes made to the bank's cheque books. The new books have to be turned sideways to fill in the counterfoil, which makes it easier for left-handed writers.

☐ National & Provincial Building Society has joined other credit card issuers in charging interest on outstanding balances from the date of transaction, rather than the statement date, unless cardholders pay off their full balance by the due date. N & P will continue to issue cards free of charge.

☐ A new "pay as you use" breakdown service has been launched by Diners Club. Members of DriverCare pay a fixed £45 callout fee when they break down. The fee covers all roadside repairs and, if necessary, a tow to the nearest AA-approved garage. Longer journeys cost 70p a mile.

☐ Laurentian Life is providing clients with a dictionary of commonly used financial expressions. The 28-page booklet carries 200 entries, which explain terms such as inheritance tax, PHI and Tessa. It also contains names and addresses of industry bodies, including Lautro, SIB and the UTA. Free copies are available until the end of next month. Telephone free on 0800-444 818.

☐ BDO Binder Hamlyn, the chartered accountants, has published a guide for people in share participation schemes. *Shares for Directors and Employees* is written for executives thinking of introducing such a scheme and for employees who want to understand their tax position. The book is available free from Sally Brunning, BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH.

☐ People who invest an initial £500 or more in an instant access account with Alliance & Leicester after July 22 qualify for six nights half-price accommodation in a choice of 125 hotels in 16 European countries.

☐ Ecclesiastical Insurance has launched a leaseholders' protection plan. The benefits include temporary accommodation, storage and pet boarding costs up to a maximum 20 per cent of the sum insured for flat owners left temporily homeless. The premium is 70p per £1,000 insured.

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Shares lose early lead

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1	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
2	Bryant	Building,Roads	
3	TNT	Transport	
4	Wessex Water	Water	
5	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
6	RHM	Foods	
7	Halma	Industrials E-K	
8	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
9	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
10	P & O Dfd	Transport	
11	Slough Estates	Property	
12	Lep	Transport	
13	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
14	Blagden	Chemicals,Plas	
15	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
16	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
17	Scholes Grp	Electricals	
18	Severn Trent	Water	
19	Rowlinson Secs	Property	
20	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
21	Dawson	Textiles	
22	Storehouse	Drapery,Stores	
23	Anglian Water	Water	
24	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
26	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
27	Molins	Industrials L-R	
28	Racal Elect	Electricals	
29	Maxwell Comm	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
31	Boot (Henry)	Building,Roads	
32	Life Sciences	Electricals	
33	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
34	AB Food	Foods	
35	Euro Leisure	Leisure	
36	BPB Ind	Building,Roads	
37	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
38	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
39	Auto Sec	Electricals	
40	Hambro Countrywd	Property	
41	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Tootal	Textiles	
43	Blenheim Gp	Newspapers,Pub	
44	Unitech	Electricals	
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211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	180	182	+1	11.2	8.2	8.6
840	640	Schroders	800	820	..	23.7	2.3	18.1
413	205	Stand Chart	338	343	+2	28.7	7.8	18.7
165	134	TSB	143	146	+1	8.5	5.9	11.9
500	440	Union Disc	435	445	–	48.7	10.8	17.1
485	314	Warburg SG	467	472	–	21.3	4.5	11.6
164	109	Do 6% 'A'	161	164	+1	8.0	4.9	–
58	25	Wells Fargo	43¼		● ..	–	–	–
222	128	Westpac	208	213	-3	–	–	–
353	286	Wintrust	305	320	-2	12.4	4.0	11.4

BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
594	480	Allied-Lyons	585	588●-5		25.1	4.5	21.1
[illegible]	882	Bass	823	827●-6		44.4	4.8	8.6
175	124	Boddington	142	145	-3	8.0	5.6	11.0
253	173	Bulmer (H P)	240	243	-1	11.1	4.5	18.1
148	105	Burtonwood Brew	110	118●	..	6.7	5.0	4.8
245	135	Devenish (JA)	167	175●	..	7.3	4.3	12.6
77	51	Fortune Brewing Gp	76	78	+2			
839	603	Grand Met	773	778	-12	28.3	3.7	14.8
380	274	Greenall	327	330	-2	13.8	4.2	12.7
454	374	Greene King	427	435	–	14.4	3.3	11.3
[illegible]	717	Guinness	878	883	+1	25.0	2.5	15.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hardys & Hansons	975	985●-3		47.8	4.8	12.1
279	225	Highland Dist	264	270	-3	9.6	2.5	20.3
147	120	Invergordon Dist	160	165	+2	6.7	4.1	19.4
485	420	[illegible]	425	434●	..	16.1	3.7	11.1
218	185	Marston Thompson	198	199●	..	8.0	3.0	12.7
410	357	Matthew Clark	388	398	+1	14.7	4.7	19.3
335	230	Morland	275	285 f	..	8.8	3.2	14.2
[illegible]	559	SA Breweries	[illegible]	[illegible]	+⅛			
422	335	Scot & New	410	412	-8	20.8	4.9	12.1
254	174	Vaux Group	206	215	-4	11.8	5.6	11.0
514	409	Whitbread 'A'	480	483●+2		21.7	4.7	9.8
[illegible]	33	Do 'B'	13	[illegible]●	..	21.7	1.8	28.2
528	380	Wolverhampton & D	520	525	-3	12.8	2.5	14.8
470	380	Young 'A'	455	470	–	17.3	8.7	17.2

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384	258	Northumbrian	381	387●	+6	24.4	6.5	5.9
377	251	North West	375	379●	+15	24.0	6.4	6.9
339	228	Severn Trent	337	341●	+7	23.4	6.9	5.3
341	221	Sthrn Water	337	344●	+11	21.6	6.9	6.4
357	236	South West	354	360●	+5	28.7	7.5	5.4
377	253	Thames Water	375	379●	+11	23.3	6.2	7.5
392	269	Welsh Water	379	385●	+10	25.0	6.6	4.6
388	255	Wessex Water	385	392●	+3	23.5	6.1	6.7
383	264	Yorkshire Water	379	385●	+5	23.6	6.2	7.3

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 91.1 (day's range 90.9-91.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 19	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3229-3.3323	3.3269-3.3306	⅝-½pr	1⅝-⅞pr
Brussels	60.63-61.01	60.73-60.94	19-9pr	32-24pr
Copenhagen	11.4055-11.4478	11.4193-11.4430	2-1⅝pr	4⅞-3⅝pr
Dublin	1.1044-1.1054	1.1044-1.1054	17-10pr	37-27pr
Frankfurt	2.9534-2.9587	2.9536-2.9571	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	252.43-253.61	252.62-253.61	293-395ds	444-630ds
Madrid	183.94-184.96	183.94-184.55	25-32ds	76-87ds
Milan	2198.89-2208.14	2203.45-2208.14	par-1ds	2-4ds
Montreal	1.9381-1.9536	1.9499-1.9536	0.40-0.36pr	0.76-0.67pr
New York	1.6795-1.6885	1.6875-1.6885	0.72-0.70pr	2.02-2.00pr
Oslo	11.4895-11.5386	11.5088-11.5325	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-1⅞pr
Paris	10.0182-10.0601	10.0415-10.0601	1⅝-1⅜pr	3⅞-3⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6616-10.7173	10.6889-10.7102	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-⅝pr
Tokyo	229.76-230.82	230.26-230.56	⅞-⅝pr	2⅝-1⅞pr
Vienna	20.76-20.82	20.79-20.81	4⅞-3⅞pr	10⅞-7⅞pr
Zurich	2.5579-2.5640	2.5608-2.5640	⅞-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16678.9-16715.6
Australia dollar	2.1558-2.1591
Bahrain dinar	0.628-0.636
Brazil cruzeiro *	554.22-555.06
Cyprus pound	0.802-0.812
Finland markka	7.0775-7.1375
Greece drachma	321.90-325.10
Hong Kong dollar	13.0390-13.0449
India rupee	43.04-43.44
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6726-4.6771
Mexico peso	5020-5120
New Zealand dollar	2.9612-2.9683
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2475-6.3275
Singapore dollar	2.9400-2.9435
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2546-5.3413
S Africa rand (com)	4.7998-4.8079
U A E dirham	6.1175-6.1975

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2841-1.2853
Austria	12.36-12.38
Belgium (Com)	36.12-36.18
Canada	1.1559-1.1564
Denmark	6.7940-6.7990
France	5.9750-5.9800
Germany	1.7580-1.7590
Hong Kong	7.7588-7.7598
Ireland	1.5175-1.5190
Italy	1308.0-1309.0
Japan	136.90-137.00
Malaysia	2.7806-2.7815
Netherlands	1.9780-1.9790
Norway	6.8400-6.8450
Portugal	150.50-150.70
Singapore	1.7495-1.7505
Spain	109.65-109.75
Sweden	6.3540-6.3590
Switzerland	1.5240-1.5247

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £2,158m allotted: £500m; Bids: £97.38 % received 13%; Last week: £97.38 % received: 44%; Avge rate: £10.4912% last wk £10.4839% Next week: £500m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10⅞ Low 10 Week fixed: 11
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10$^{23}/_{32}$; 3 mth 10$^{17}/_{32}$. Selling: 2 mth 10$^{21}/_{32}$; 3 mth: 10$^{15}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10$^{29}/_{32}$-10⅞	10$^{25}/_{32}$-11$^{1}/_{16}$	10$^{19}/_{32}$-$^{9}/_{16}$	10$^{9}/_{32}$-$^{7}/_{32}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	11$^{3}/_{32}$-11$^{1}/_{32}$	11$^{1}/_{16}$-11$^{1}/_{32}$	11$^{1}/_{16}$-11	10⅞-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10$^{13}/_{16}$-10¾
Interbank:	11⅛-11	11$^{3}/_{32}$-11$^{1}/_{32}$	11$^{1}/_{16}$-$^{1}/_{32}$	10⅞-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10$^{13}/_{16}$-10¾
(Overnight: open 11⅝, close 11⅜.					
Local Authority Deps:	11$^{1}/_{16}$	n/a	11$^{1}/_{32}$	10⅞	10$^{13}/_{16}$
Sterling CDs:	11$^{1}/_{32}$-11	11$^{1}/_{32}$-11	11$^{1}/_{32}$-11	10$^{13}/_{16}$-10¾	10¾-10⅝
Dollar CDs:	5.98-5.93	6.00-5.95	6.05-6.00	6.32-6.27	6.70-6.65
Building Society CDs:	11$^{1}/_{16}$-11$^{1}/_{32}$	11$^{1}/_{16}$-11$^{1}/_{32}$	11$^{1}/_{16}$-11	10⅞-10$^{27}/_{32}$	10$^{13}/_{16}$-10¾

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{7}/_{16}$	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	6⅛-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6$^{7}/_{16}$-6⅜	5⅞-5
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8¾	8$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	9⅛-9	9⅛-9⅛	8⅞-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9⅛	9$^{7}/_{16}$-9$^{5}/_{16}$	9½-9⅜	9⅝-9⅜	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	7⅞-7⅞	7$^{13}/_{16}$-$^{11}/_{16}$	7$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	7$^{15}/_{16}$-$^{13}/_{16}$	8-7
Yen:	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{7}/_{16}$-7$^{5}/_{16}$	7$^{9}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{16}$	7⅝-7⅞	7⅛-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $369.50-370.00 **Close:** $370.25-370.75 **High:** $370.65-371.15 **Low:** $369.40-369.90 **Krugerrand:** $369.75-370.75 (£219.25-220.25)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-88.00 (£51.50-52.50) **New** $86.75-87.75 (£51.25-52.25)
Platinum: $376.65 (£225.40) **Silver:** $4.41 (£2.605) **Palladium:** $95.45 (£56.80)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31882	Sep 91	2594.0	2594.0	2569.0	2571.0	4979
	Dec 91	2624.0	2624.0	2619.0	2611.0	58
	Mar 92					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 124065	Sep 91	89.37	89.40	89.36	89.38	13632
	Dec 91	89.82	89.84	89.80	89.82	3691
	Mar 92	89.96	90.00	89.96	89.96	1737
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 29690	Sep 91	93.67	93.71	93.66	93.71	1721
	Dec 91	93.08	93.10	93.06	93.10	654
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 102474	Sep 91	90.78	90.79	90.75	90.78	9830
	Dec 91	90.73	90.75	90.71	90.73	5062
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3580	Sep 91	93-07	93-11	93-05	93-10	383
	Dec 91				92-19	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 34148	Sep 91	92-03	92-12	92-00	92-09	22634
	Dec 91	92-02	92-07	92-02	92-08	206
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	95.36	95.36	95.26	95.32	415
	Dec 91				95.60	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 73472	Sep 91	84.20	84.23	84.01	84.12	37430
	Dec 91	84.39	84.39	84.20	84.27	535
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4565	Sep 91	90.21	90.28	90.19	90.19	434
	Dec 91	90.33	90.35	90.28	90.33	134

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COMMODITIES

COCOA

Jul	598-595
Sep	615-614
Dec	657-656
Mar	684-683
May	714-713
Jul	734-733
Sep	754-753
	Vol: 3922

LONDON FOX COFFEE

Jul	523-517
Sep	540-538
Nov	562-560
Jan	580-577
Mar	595-592
May	unq
Jul	unq
	Vol: 3338

SUGAR (FOB)
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Aug	230.0-29.0
Oct	208.0-06.0
Dec	198.0-95.0
Mar	193.0-90.0
May	195.0-92.0
Aug	198.0-95.0
	Vol: 825

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	111.45	Sep	109.65	Aug	120.80
Nov	114.75	Nov	113.40	Oct	123.30
Jan	118.40	Jan	116.90	Dec	126.00
Mar	121.45	Mar	119.40	Feb	130.30
May	124.60	May	121.00	Apr	unq
Vol:	202	Vol:	43	Vol:	55

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 42

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	75.0
Apr	106.0	106.6
May	unq	117.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	61.40	119.32	108.61
(+/-)	-0.92	*-7.03	-1.04
Eng/Wales:	61.40	119.37	107.36
(+/-)	-0.92	-7.11	-1.70
(%)	+4.7	+13.1	-30.6
Scotland:	n/a	118.79	115.20
(+/-)	n/a	-6.78	+0.77
(%)	n/a	-42.2	+5.0

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Jkg)

Jul	
Open:	89.0
Close:	89.8
Aug	
Open:	87.0
Close:	88.0
Sep	
Open:	89.0
Close:	90.3
Volume:	98

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: At the end of a choppy week which was dominated by problems in the North Sea, prices showed small net gains over the past five days.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	20.25	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Sep)	20.10	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	22.20	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	22.15	+0.10

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	241 (n/c)	244 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	188 (-2)	189 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	189 (-2)	190 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	192 (-2)	193 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	71 (n/c)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	196 (+1)	199 (+2)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Aug	186.25-86.00	Dec	190.50-90.25
Sep	187.50-87.25	Jan	188.00-88.50
Oct	189.00-88.25	Feb	183.50-81.50
Nov	190.00-89.75		Vol: 5344

BRENT

Aug	20.20-20.30	Oct	20.00-20.10
Sep	20.10-20.15		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 91	1540	1525	1536
Aug 91	1580	1540	1555
Oct 91	1630	1625	1630
Jan 92	1645	1620	1645

Vol: 180 lots Open interest: 2316
Dry cargo index: 1526 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1322.0-1323.0	1336.0-1337.0	457500
Lead (£/tonne)	323.00-324.00	333.00-334.00	944300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1055.5-1056.5	1069.0-1070.0	278500
Tin ($/tonne)	5570-5573	5760-5770	7420
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1294.0-1295.0	1327.0-1328.0	1023775
Nickel ($/tonne)	8405.0-8415.0	8405.0-8410.0	9924

FOX MGMI INDEX
(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Sep	140.30	141.00
Dec	141.20	141.90
Mar	141.50	142.30
		Vol: 235

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The road to Tokyo starts in Newcastle for the man that time nearly forgot

Gold rush excites ambitious Cram

By David Powell
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS not by much, less than half a second, that Peter Elliott finished last year as Britain's fastest 1,500 metres runner. Steve Cram came with a late reminder that he is not yet part of the All Our Yesterdays library.

Sometimes he sounds as if he is. "It comes as a pleasant surprise every now and then when I am introduced as the mile world record-holder," he says. "Probably it is because that is all they can introduce me as — everything else is former this and ex that."

But Cram, winner of world, European and Commonwealth titles, is not done yet. He has won nothing significant since 1986, but says: "I think I can still win major championships at 1,500 metres."

In the wind-down week of last season, Cram ran 3min 33.03sec; only Morceli, Elliott, di Napoli and Kirochi had run faster. *It was his quickest for* two years and another step up from the worthy fifth place he had achieved in the European championships on restricted training. A week later, he went on to the roads and was second to Elliott in the New York Fifth Avenue Mile.

Now he's injured, now he's not — that was the story of Cram's 1990. This year has been the same: great winter's training then, in May and June, three-and-a-half weeks without running a step. Last season, it was Achilles tendon trouble, this summer, knee tendinitis. But he has been back in training for a month now and today has his first race of the season, in a Northern League 1,500 metres at Newcastle.

The world championship heats in Tokyo are 40 days later. Luxury. Last season, he had less than four weeks' clear run at the European championships without injury or illness. First, though, he has to get in the team and, to do that, he must put in a reasonable performance at the trials the weekend after Newcastle.

"I'm the world's greatest expert at getting fit after injury," he says. But only the winner is guaranteed selection, though outside-influences are working in Cram's favour; Elliott, his selection assumed, will run a different distance and no other Briton has run under 3min 35sec this summer. Furthermore, the selectors have the option of giving Cram a fortnight beyond the trials to prove himself provided he shows enough in the meantime to justify it.

"When I look around I see nobody who is going to stuff me," Cram says. "OK, Morceli is getting better. He is young and has got a lot of development in him yet, but he would *have to* be very brave to go out and run the world championships from the front with half a dozen of the world's top milers sitting in behind him.

"People always assume that your training is geared to running as fast as you can but it is not. That is not what you need at the world championships or Olympics.

"What I had done in those previous four weeks was not train for 3:33 because I knew that was not what was needed. I knew I was going to have to be quick over the last 400 metres, so I was training for that. Last year, I had limited time to get myself into shape for the Europeans and I nearly did it. I just needed a bit more *time to get ready, maybe one* or two weeks."

Provided there are no further problems, he now has that time. The intention is clear: to make speed his priority, but that is not as easy as it used to be. Cram turned 30 last October. "It is harder to win championships when you are older because you lose speed, but you have to make up for that with experience," he says.

"Age is not the barrier it used to be. A lot of people have shown over the past ten years that you can stay in the sport longer and still run well. Seb Coe ran his fastest time [3:29.77] when he was 29. Thirty is not something which worries me."

Cram's mile world record of *3min 46.32sec has lasted six* years, which surprises him. "If you had asked me on the night I set it, I would have said it would have been 3:43 by now," Cram says. "But they are running slower than we used to. It is fortunate for me that the 1,500 metres has stood still in the last three or four years and that is why I am still doing it. I know I can still run 3:33."

But what he wants to know more is whether to stick with the 1,500 metres or to move up to 5,000 metres at the Barcelona Olympics next year.

"If nothing else this season, I want to get out and compete against the Morcelis and find out how good they are and how good I still am so that, at *the end of September, I know I* ran as well as I could. And if I am not good enough any more, to know that I have no choice but to move up to 5,000 metres. What I do not want is to be injured all summer and, come September, still not know."

An Olympic title is the one that is missing from Cram's collection. "I do not consider myself a failure because I have never won an Olympic title, but other people would and it is very difficult for me to shut that out."

The barren years have fostered an appreciation of those when he was running well. "At the time you think it is the norm: you are caught in a snowball which is running *downhill, getting bigger and* bigger and you assume there is no bottom to the hill." The next 12 months will tell whether the snowball has run its course.

CARL RUTHERFORD

Thirtysomething: after another summer of injury Steve Cram contemplates today's challenge for a place in the world championship team

Laura Thompson

Leisuretown without the Linfordettes

O brave new world, that has such sports centres in it! Sheffield, henceforth to be known as Leisuretown, is the vision of the future. The role that it is being asked to play as host to the World Student Games is only the beginning.

Yes, the fresh, healthy, gleaming image of a physically perfect world where everybody goes to the gym instead of the pub, everybody discusses the state of their tendons instead of the state of the economy, is taking over Britain, starting with Sheffield.

1991, by George Orwell, set *in Leisuretown*, a city from whose highest point one sees terraced streets with ruddy, blackened facades and roofs which fall away in unbeautiful, yet felicitous, sloping lines or receding perspective; crouching amid these old shapes and colours are eight mechanised dinosaurs, UFOs whose arrival has caused them to be surrounded by stunned circles of vacancy and debris.

Watched over by Big (but it's all muscle) Brother, the upright citizens of Leisuretown wear tracksuits, attend games of volleyball, shun cigarettes, worship at the shrines of the mechanised dinosaurs, the Sports Centres. The old ways of life are one by one to be sacrificed on the altar of Physical Fitness.

Sheffield has eight new sports centres, whether it wants them or not. Some of its council housing does not look too inviting, but tenants could always live in the very comfortable Ponds Forge International Sports and Leisure Centre, when there are no water polo competitions taking place.

Sheffield has been torn apart for five years over the decision to host these World Student Games and to be thereafter a city defined by its sporting venues. It was a bravura gesture: a Herculean *attempt to effect the meta*morphosis of a dour, poor city, grappling with the loss of its prosperous industrial past, into Leisuretown: a metaphor for the second half of the twentieth century.

Sheffield is now in debt stepp'd in so far returning were as tedious as go o'er. That is what happens when bold moves are made, when *reality has to dance the two*-step with theory, when the ideas of Dr Jekyll turn into the actuality of Mr Hyde.

Of course, it all sounds marvellous. Declarations resound through the brochure for the World Student Games: "Sport has already created a Europe without frontiers"; "Sheffield is ready to welcome the world into its *heart*"; "*The Universiade has* been the springboard for successive generations of sportsmen and women"; "the massive flame leaps to its full height". Well, we all know about one of those, at least.

Right up until the last moments before the opening ceremony, before the culminating appearance of Helen the Human Fire Extinguisher, Sheffield was still hammering and sawing and building turnstiles in its efforts to have things ready for the Games.

Stadiums look like a cross between the National Theatre and a Portaloo. The staff inside them have the air of people hosting a party to which too few people arrived too early. *They are polite but* flustered, they do not know where the corkscrew is, they would have liked more time to make the guacamole, and where the hell *is* everybody? For there are more officials than spectators. They wear bluecoats, like Tory-voting Butlins' camp commanders.

Kindly local ladies minister to *haughtily* bewildered Cubans carrying sheaves of tennis rackets, and to etiolated Nordic fencers.

Most people would admit a preference for Screensport down the pub

The competitors look impressive but there are few camp followers, few desperately emulating Linfordettes. All I saw were some neat, plump, middle-aged people wandering around the mechanised dinosaurs, looking dazed but cowed, trying not to resent their poll tax bills, trying to learn the laws of Leisuretown as they once learned decimalisation. The World Student Games and the city of Sheffield have come together, the marriage has finally taken place, and therefore there must be joy.

Nevertheless, only those whose dream it is to live in Leisuretown would actually enjoy attending these Games, watching a bit of tennis, a bit of gymnastics, a bit of volleyball, played by those of whom you have never heard, and at a lower standard than you are used to seeing. Wired to a lie detector, most people would admit to a preference for Screensport down the pub — reprehensible, and upright citizens of Leisuretown will choke with rage on their big salady sandwich.

These Games are a good thing, helpful to the development of sport. Repertory theatres are a good thing, helpful to the development of actors, but most people would rather see a West End show. These stadiums are a good thing, helpful to the development of sport. Motorways are a good thing, helpful to the development of commercial enterprise, but few people want them cutting a ruthless swathe through their back garden and changing their lives forever.

Lions are threatened by new touring pattern

The World Cup is changing the face of rugby union. Gerald Davies looks at its effect on the international tour and draws evidence from the performances of England and Wales in the southern hemisphere

THE international rugby tour, far from being the joyous adventure it once was, interpreted as a balanced mixture of cultural and social exchange and the pursuit of a definite set of sporting objectives, is fast defining itself as an occupational routine.

The overriding obligation always existed to go in search of the intensely serious matter of success on the field, but with the longer tours, particularly with the British Isles, there was the happy intrusion of more casual moments when, for the amateur player, a burden was momentarily relieved. Since players were often unlikely to pass this way again, and in such privileged circumstances, there were sights to be seen; other interests to be pursued before the playing show was on the road again.

For a rugby player to be allowed to indulge his sporting passion, untrammelled by domestic and professional responsibilities, they were the best of unforgettable times. Such a Corinthian philosophy is *becoming a thing of the past*, as England and Wales, now at various points in the Pacific, are finding to their cost. Wales have won two of their four matches, England have won one of three.

Clive Rowlands, the Wales tour manager, is in no doubt why demands have changed. "The World Cup is changing everybody's perspective," he says. "Expectations are higher, demands stiffer. Touring in the old-fashioned sense still exists and the Lions' tours have been timetabled for the next 20 years. But nowadays there are two other types.

"There is the one which is considered a preparation for the *World* Cup as well as the World Cup tournament itself. In both of these, the matches are congested into a three-week period and this briefer period can be tougher, because it is more concentrated, than the longer 16 or 18-match tour of the past. A different attitude must prevail therefore.

"Rugby could change dramatically in the next few years and there could very well soon arise a conflict of interest. *I can* foresee a time within the four-year cycle of the World Cup when a planned Lions tour would be an inconvenience. Players, on the request of their national unions, could turn down invitations to tour with the Lions since their own plans for the World Cup should take priority and not be disrupted."

He points out that certain Welsh players have played uninterrupted summer rugby since 1987. The World Cup was *followed by a tour to New* Zealand, then came the Lions tour to Australia, followed by a trip to Namibia with Wales and now Australia again.

"I for one," Rowlands says, "will be extremely saddened to see the Lions disappear from the itinerary list but I can see it happening. But not only are you talking about the commitment of the senior Welsh side. In August, the Welsh Under-19s *are going to Canada and next* year the Under-21s will visit New Zealand. All this in preparation for the World Cup to come.

"It is important not only to expose these players to overseas conditions, particularly to those countries where the Cup tournament is likely to be held, but also to acclimatise them to the same touring time span.

"Furthermore, I can see a time when other Welsh development teams could experi*ence a four-week tour*, say, *to* Belgium, Netherlands or Italy. Welsh players must learn to become international players in the wider sense."

Tony Gray, the former Welsh coach and now Welsh selector, foresees another possibility of a revolutionary break with the past. "Like professional soccer players," he says, "it is possible to see, the way the game is now progressing, national teams — as *England, for example*, did recently — travelling great distances to play their one or two matches and move out again. When that moment arrives, and it is possible to envisage it, all the other professional demands and rewards will also come into play, too, the full-time manager, coaches and players."

A reconstructed schedule might come to pass sooner than even Rowlands and Gray anticipate. Already there are discussions under way, now that *South Africa are moving back* into international sport, to plan an equivalent to the five nations' championship in the southern hemisphere.

It is this development, if anything, which will so extend the rugby calendar so as to change tradition for good and so, finally, silence the Lions' growl. Each of the home countries, who have existed under the protective shadow of the Lions, would be forced to stand exposed on its own to the changing international winds.

RUGBY UNION

No discernible way Wales can avoid a harsh lesson

From Gerald Davies
IN BRISBANE

BEFORE they start to contemplate the enormity of the task when they take the field against Australia tomorrow at Ballymore, Wales must first overcome their own tender feelings. Psychologically, they are already crippled.

There is no boost that they can find for their morale — even in their victories against the lesser opponents of the tour — after the matches that mattered, against Queensland and New South Wales, went so disastrously astray. These two benchmark matches against the foremost rugby provinces, from whom the whole Australian team is made up, have hugely dented still further — *if* that was possible — *Wales's standing* in world rugby.

Against New South Wales, Wales, in losing 71-8, suffered the worst loss in their 110-year history. Queensland, who romped to 23 points in the first half, relaxed and managed only another 13 in the second half, are kicking themselves for not delivering more.

Not slow in coming forward in proffering advice on any subject matter you wish to raise, taxi drivers the world over believe they have the finger on the pulse of majority opinion. Mine, noticing the giveaway accent, tendered: "You can expect a nice pasting, mate." There was, you might say, no answer to that.

If Australia's two strongest states can inflict humiliation, what might the national team do? What score can it achieve? Such forbidding thoughts reflect the dominating mood.

Naturally, the Wallaby coach, Bob Dwyer, clearly aware of his team's strengths, fears not so much the Welsh team as his own side's complacency. He wants a decisive victory before the sterner tests that lie ahead against England and the two matches against the All Blacks.

The initial, and easily the most significant, area in which Australia are expected to have it their own way is in the lineout, where *McCall and Eales* are experts in gaining possession.

Eales, aged 20, whose first cap this is, is already talked about in the most glowing terms, not only for his security of possession but his all-round footballing skills.

In a team of most modest ability, Wales's lineout is their weakest area. If they fail again here, they can expect to look forward to spending a long afternoon in the Brisbane sunshine chasing the shadows of the swift back row and a talented set of handling backs.

☐ A stomach bug has ruled out Gordon Hamilton, the flanker, from the Ireland team to play Namibia in Windhoek today. He will be replaced by Pat O'Hara.

BRISBANE TEAMS

AUSTRALIA: M Roebuck (NSW); D Campese (NSW), T Horan (Queensland), J Little (Queensland), R Egerton (NSW); M Lynagh (Queensland), N Farr-Jones (NSW, captain); A Daly (NSW), P Kearns (NSW), E McKenzi (NSW), W Ofahengaue (NSW), R McCall (Queensland), J Eales (Queensland), G Miller (Queensland), T Gavin (NSW).

WALES: P Thorburn (Neath, captain); I Evans (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff), S Gibbs (Neath), S Ford (Cardiff); A Davies (Neath), C Bridges (Neath); M Davis (Newport), K Phillips (Neath), H Williams-Jones (South Wales Police), R Collins (Cardiff), P Arnold (Swansea), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), E Lewis (Llanelli), P Davies (Llanelli).

Referee: F Howard (RFU).

Fiji centre suspended

SUVA — Savenaca Aria, the Nadi centre sent off in the closing stages of the game on Tuesday between Fiji B and England, was suspended yesterday for three weeks (David Hands writes). His offence barred him from selection for today's international in Suva but does not prevent the Fijian selectors picking him in their World Cup squad.

Aria had just returned to the national squad after being suspended for touring South Africa four years ago. He was sent off for a short-arm tackle on Ian Hunter and appeared before a disciplinary tribunal, which included Barrie Sweetman, of the Fijian Rugby Union, Josaia Taka, the team manager, and Peter Yarranton, the president of the Rugby Football Union.

TENNIS

Nottingham awaits a decision from Seles

By Andrew Longmore
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

MONICA Seles will decide today whether she will play for Yugoslavia in the Federation Cup in Nottingham next week. Seles has waited to the last minute because she wants to see how her injured shins and left leg feel after her first competitive matches since the final of the French Open nearly six weeks ago. "I probably will play, but I'm taking things slowly," she said yesterday.

Not surprisingly, officials at the Federation Cup, who have been kept on the end of a string for the past two months, have become nearly as tired as everybodyelse of the antics of the world No. 1 and her agents.

Seles's claim that nobody at the International Tennis Fed*eration (ITF) had* bothered to contact her, laughable given that her own association had been trying unsuccessfully to get hold of her for the past month, was strongly denied by the ITF yesterday.

"Like the Women's Tennis Association and many others, we have been trying to reach Monica to find out the position, but without success," Debbie Jevans, of the ITF, said. "We would very much like her to play here, but, to be honest, we are not losing any sleep over it."

Such are the warped economics of the game at the moment, if Seles deigns to appear in Nottingham, she will receive a "bonus" from the ITF of $125,000 (about £75,000). If she does not, the hard-pressed Yugoslav Tennis Federation, in whose name the team is entered, will have to pay a fine of $2,000 (about £1,200). Apart from that, withdrawal would most probably make Seles ineligible to compete in next year's Olympic Games.

Either way, the ocean of goodwill the 17-year-old Yugoslav has built up over the past two years has largely drained away since she withdrew from Wimbledon without adequate explanation, a mere three days before the start of the championships.

In the meantime, there have been two of the faster victories on record in qualifying for the main draw, which begins on Monday. Magdalena Mroz, aged 20, from Poland, took just 30 minutes to beat Louise Wekesa, of Kenya, 6-0, 6-0. The Kenyan won just ten points in the match, beating the record low of 11 set the previous day by a Sri Lankan girl.

Seles: will she, won't she?

DRUGS IN SPORT

New penalties announced

By John Goodbody

SPORTS coaches who supply anabolic steroids to young people will face fines of up to £5,000. Five months after the government decided to stiffen legislation against supplying bodybuilding drugs, the Home Office yesterday announced the penalties to be imposed on dealers.

The government decided in February to make a new criminal offence of supplying a minor (somebody aged under 18), even when no payment is involved. However, it has also broken a promise made publicly nearly three years ago, and reiterated frequently by ministers in private, that the possession of anabolic steroids, without a medical prescription, would become a criminal offence.

It is against the law to sell anabolic steroids, except for medical reasons, but not to possess them, despite the widespread evidence of the physical and psychological harm that can be caused if they are taken in great quantities to improve performances.

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat MP for North-East Fife and captain of the British athletics team at the 1966 European championships, yesterday saw his private member's bill seeking to outlaw the possession of these drugs fall for lack of parliamentary time.

Unfortunately, the Home Office has been ill-advised and has not sought the opinions of doctors and medical researchers who have made a lifetime study of the subject. However, this may come to light when the health department sets up a survey of the use and misuse of hormone drugs.

The government wants to see an extension of the Sports Council's advertising campaign warning young people, in particular, of the dangers of taking anabolic steroids, and has ordered more action against advertising such drugs. However, without the necessary legislation, this will have little effect.

ROWING

Absentees open way for the clubs

By Mike Rosewell, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE first day at the national championships at Nottingham yesterday was restricted to junior competitors, most of whom coped well with a stiff headwind. The seniors and lightweights enter the fray today, but in a regatta that is rapidly becoming effectively a club rather than a national championship because of the commitment of the British squad to international preparation.

Hopes that leading scullers might be on show were dented when lightweight, Peter Haining, withdrew yesterday and Guy Pooley and Rorie Henderson seem likely to be accustoming themselves to their new role as a potential double for the world championships.

The men's and women's heavyweight squads are both absent. The men are at an altitude training camp in Austria with coach, Jurgen Grobler, but none of the women's crews was offered altitude experience. They were reputedly told that they would be a distraction to their male counterparts. Brian Armstrong, the international rowing manager, said that the altitude training, being undertaken for the first time, is limited to "potential medal boats".

Robert Michaels, the women's chief coach, considers it "a pity that at least one women's boat is not going. The benefit would have been immense".

The British lightweight eight and coxless four are also absent, involved in reshuffling after their Lucerne results.

At junior level, "championship" is the greatest misnomer with the first and second British teams otherwise engaged, the B team in the six-nation Coupe de la Jeunesse in Glasgow.

Paris

CYCLING

Rivals knock spirit out of LeMond in climbs

VAL LOURON — Miguel Indurain, of Spain, and the Italian, Claudio Chiappucci, completely reshuffled the Tour de France pack yesterday in the toughest mountain section of the race. They broke the spirit of Greg LeMond, the defending champion, but, at the same time, stimulated the French hopes, Laurent Fignon and Charlie Mottet, into sterling performances.

Chiappucci, known as "the bionic rider", eventually won the seven-hour stage, the thirteenth, from Jaca to Val Louron, but his breakaway partner, Indurain, took over the race leader's yellow jersey.

The big losers were LeMond, who cracked on the final ascents, and the overnight leader, Luc Leblanc, of France. LeMond struggled to the finish at the end of a day of sweltering heat in the Pyrenees more than seven minutes behind the leaders. His legs started to give out on the third climb, the 2,115-metre Col du Tourmalet, and his luck gave out, too, when he was knocked off his bike by a Tour car on the next climb, the Col d'Aspin.

The powerful Indurain, the motivator in a break on the Col du Tourmalet, the highest point of this year's race, is now well in the driving seat to win the Tour. The all-round Spaniard, who won the individual time-trial last Saturday, leads Mottet overall by three minutes.

"It was a very difficult stage," Indurain said. "We took advantage of the circumstances. Yesterday our team chose to save our energy and make LeMond work."

LeMond, who may have lost the chance of his third successive Tour win, fell back to fifth behind the resurgent Italians, Gianni Bugno and Chiappucci, trailing Indurain by 5min 08sec. He was also unable to respond to the challenges of Fignon, a previous Tour winner, and Mottet.

His misery was compounded when, on the ascent of the Aspin, an accompanying team car hit his rear wheel, causing the American to fall heavily. He picked himself up and was forced to exert extra effort to catch the group he was with. To his relief, a colleague on his French-backed Z team, Eric Boyer, caught up and tried to pull LeMond back into contention but on the final steep climb to Val Louron, there seemed no life left in the American's legs. In comparison, Indurain and especially Chiappucci, looked as if they could ride on for ever.

After the finish, LeMond said: "Of course I'm disappointed. But the race isn't over yet." With only two mountain stages to come, and one time-trial before the finish, his chances are limited.

RESULTS: Thirteenth stage (Jaca to Val Louron, 232km): 1, C Chiappucci (It, Carrera), 7hr 11min 16sec; 2, M Indurain (Sp, Banesto), at 1sec; 3, G Bugno (It, Gatorade), at 1min 28sec; 4, L Fignon (Fr, Castorama), 2:50; 5, C Mottet (Fr, RMO), 3:53; 6, A Hampsten, (US, Motorola), 6:01; 7, E Chozas (Sp, Once), 6:24; 8, E Boyer (Fr, Z), 7:16; 9, G LeMond (US, Z), 7:18; 10, J-F Bernard (Fr, Banesto) 7:38; 11, A Rondon (Col, Banesto), 7:52; 12, G Rue (Fr, Helvetia), 7:58; 13, P Esnault (Fr, Amaya), 9:40; 14, P Ruiz-Cabestany (Sp, Clas), 10:05; 15, D Roux (Fr, Toshiba), 12:38. Overall positions: 1, Indurain, 58:51:47; 2, Mottet, at 3min 0sec; 3, Bugno, 3:10; 4, Chiappucci, 4:06; 5, LeMond, 5:08; 6, Fignon, 5:52; 7, Hampsten, 7:25; 8, L Leblanc (Fr, Castorama), 7:51; 9, Bernard, 8:38; 10, Chozas, 13:11; 11, Rue, 14:57; 12, M Fondriest (It, Panasonic), 15:13; 13, P Delgado (Sp, Banesto), 16:30; 14, Rondon, 18:10; 15, Roux, 18:24.

TODAY'S STAGE: St-Gaudens to Castres, 172.5km.

Dawson's medal form

KEVIN Dawson, a first season 100-miler who is the country's fastest rider of the year, is on course for a medal-winning ride in tomorrow's national time-trial championship near Colchester (Peter Bryan writes).

Dawson has already beaten Gary Dighton, Britain's best all-rounder champion, and earlier this week set the year's best time of 3hr 41min 44 sec to win the Goodmayes Wheelers event. The championship line-up includes Dighton, Pete Longbottom, last year's winner, and Gethin Butler and Alan Gornall, the runners-up.

EQUESTRIANISM

Dutch unseat British as the top Europeans

From JENNY MACARTHUR IN LA BAULE, FRANCE

THE Netherlands show jumping team became the European champions here yesterday, relegating Britain, who were attempting a fourth successive win, to the silver medal position. It is only the second time that the Netherlands, winners of the Aachen Nations Cup last month, have won these championships. The Swiss, the winners in 1983, and who had held a commanding early lead yesterday, had to settle for the bronze medal.

Piet Raymakers, of the Netherlands, on Ratina is the overnight leader in the individual placings. He is two points ahead of John Whitaker and Henderson Milton, the European champions, who had four faults in each round.

On a tough course designed by Paul Weier, of Switzerland, Eric Navet, the world champion from France, riding Quito de Baussy, was fittingly the only rider to have a double clear round.

At the end of the first round, Switzerland were in the lead, and the Netherlands, after Emile Hendrix's clear round on Aldato, crept in to second place, 0.4 point ahead of Britain.

Nick Skelton and Phoenix Park produced a clear round for Britain with just a quarter of a time fault. Michael Whitaker on Henderson Monsanta had eight faults. David Broome on Lannegan and Whitaker on Henderson Milton both hit the upright fence SixA which had been cunningly positioned immediately after the water.

In the second round, the Swiss looked vulnerable when their first two riders each had eight faults. But British hopes were also dashed when Skelton and a tired Phoenix Park had three fences down. Michael Whitaker then put Britain back in contention with a clear round — and just a quarter of a time fault.

The battle for the gold medal developed between Britain and the Netherlands. Broome again had four faults on Lannegan, but the third Dutch rider, Hendrix, replied with 12.

If John Whitaker went clear in the final round, the gold medal would still be within Britain's sights. Determined not to repeat his earlier mistake, Whitaker pulled Milton back to a slow canter after the water, and jumped the following fence in copybook style — only to hit the first part of fence nine, the combination.

It meant that Jos Lansink, the fourth Dutch rider, could have eight faults and the Dutch would still win. Lansink, the bronze medal winner, made an inauspicious start hitting fence two, but completed the rest of the course without error.

Despite the British disappointment that the six-year reign as European team champions had ended, hopes are high that John Whitaker can retain his individual title tomorrow.

RESULTS: Teams: 1, The Netherlands, 29.87; 2, Great Britain, 34.16; 3, Switzerland, 37.39; 4, France, 38.27; 5, Germany, 45.34, 6, Spain, 71.08. Individual (after second round): 1, Ratina (P Raymakers, The Netherlands), 8.11; 2, Henderson Milton (J Whitaker, GB), 8; 3, Quito de Baussy (E Navet, France), 12.22; 4, Banesto Let's Go (L Cervera, Spain), 12.4; 5, Walzerkoenig (F Sloothaak, Germany), 12.59. Other British: 14, Phoenix Park (N Skelton), 17.8; 17, Lannegan (D Broome), 20.11; 25, Henderson Monsanta (M Whitaker), 29.72.

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Pre-season matches (7.00): Shelbourne v Celtic; Limerick v Chelsea.

GOLF: Open Championship (Royal Birkdale)

HOCKEY: Under-21 international: Wales v Scotland (Cardiff)

POLO (3.00): British open championship (Cowdray Park). Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester); Seavill Cup (Rutland); RCBPC Tournament (RCBPC, Winkfield).

ROWING: National championships (Holme Pierrepont).

SHOOTING: NRA Bisley meeting.

SPEEDWAY: BSPA Cup: Second round: Arena Essex v Eastbourne (7.00). Sunbrite National League: First division: Bradford v Reading (7.30). Second division: Stoke v Newcastle (7.30). Challenge: King's Lynn v Ipswich (7.00)

TENNIS: Men's challenger tournament (Newcastle); LTA women's satellite tournament (Frinton)

YACHTING: IOR regatta (Lymington). J24 European championships (Cowes)

TOMORROW

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Coca-Cola British League: Play-offs: Birmingham Bulls v Nottingham Hoods (Nottingham, 2.30); London Olympians v Northants Storm (Herne Hill, 2.30)

AUSTRALIAN RULES: British League (BARFL) (2.30 unless stated): West London Wildcats v Hartley Bristol Bears; Thames Valley Magpies v North London Lions; Lea Valley Saints v London Hawks; Wandsworth Demons v East Midland Eagles (4.00); Sussex Swans v Earls Court Roos (4.00).

BASEBALL: British League: Essex Arrows v Enfield Spartans, Nottingham Pirates v Nottingham Hornets, Humberside Mets v Liverpool Tigers; Cambridge Royals v London Braves

GOLF: Open Championship (Royal Birkdale).

POLO (3.00). British open championship (Cowdray Park); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester). Seavill Cup (Rutland); Laurent-Perrier inter-regimental final (Guards, Windsor)

ROWING: National championships (Holme Pierrepont)

SHOOTING: NRA Bisley meeting.

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YACHTING: IOR regatta (Lymington). J24 European championships (Cowes).

New Rover

Featherstone Rovers have signed Mark Wilson, aged 25, a half back from Bradford Northern.

Charles Cyzer discusses his switch from big business to racehorse training with Richard Evans

High-risk gamble starts to pay

In a racing world afflicted by recession, strife and gloom, stories of courage and optimism which buck the trend are about as rare as backing 33-1 winners.

But then Charles Cyzer is no ordinary trainer. Unlike many of his contemporaries he is a successful businessman who has turned to racing rather than a born-and-bred trainer and horseman who hopes the figures will look after themselves. Against the odds, he is showing that racing dreams do not have to turn into real-life nightmares.

Brought up in London suburbia, his only contact with four-legged creatures in his formative years was a pony and trap used by his parents during the post-war years of petrol rationing. "I was caught at the age of four trying to muck out the stable," he recalls.

He left school at 16 and, after attending a college of estate management, joined a City firm of estate agents as tea boy. By the age of 23, he had his own practice. Partnered by his younger brother, Richard, to whom he is very close, the business grew and expanded into property development.

They survived the 1974 crash and, without dwelling on the point, prospered. In the mid 1980s they decided shrewdly to move on from the property world into Christmas crackers. Now they supply 30 million dining table decorations to leading high street stores.

Meanwhile the horse-bug had caught hold, albeit in a roundabout way. Charles taught himself to ride; he had purchased an unmanageable thoroughbred which dumped him regularly on his backside, and he enjoyed the polo ponies in Richmond Park.

In 1975 he bought an eventing horse from Ireland. Cyzer's wife, Annie, said it would be fun to win Badminton. "I hardly knew what that was and certainly didn't know what it would involve."

As he is the first to admit, the rest was a bit of a fairy story. The horse, Killaire, was sent to Lucinda Green (Prior-Palmer) and finished runner-up at Burghley in 1976, third at Badminton in 1977 and won there two years later.

By then Charles and Richard had horses in training on the Flat. Owners can wait years for the most meagre success. The duo owned Wind And Wuthering which won the Dewhurst Stakes in 1981 and was beaten a head in the following season's 2,000 Guineas.

Their string of horses in training grew, most of them bought by the brothers and then broken in at Charles's idyllic 150-acre estate at Maplehurst in Sussex.

In the early 1980s, Charles was a permit holder for two years and trained National Hunt winners. In order to gain more experience he spent two years as unpaid assistant to Mark Usher with whom he and his brother had 20 horses. The crunch then came. Should he risk applying for a full training licence?

"It was a natural progression from what we had been doing previously in the early 1980s: purchasing horses, breaking them at home and sending them to other trainers. As you can imagine this created a certain frustration!

"I felt it would be a tremendous challenge to see if we could compete with the professionals, most of whom have gone through the ranks and learnt their trade from the shop floor."

Cyzer, now aged 48, added: "I was a little old to start this way. I am sure that a lot of people expected us to fall flat on our face but fortunately we seem to have disappointed them.

"I agonised with my family for some two years before applying to the Jockey Club for a licence, as I knew my commitment would have to be total if I was going to succeed at any level. It is one of those businesses where, if you take your eye off the ball for a moment, things very quickly go wrong."

In his first season in 1989 he trained 14 winners on the Flat and earned £50,000 in prize-money. Last season he had ten winners, the first of which did not arrive until July because the yard was hit by a virus.

This campaign he has around 35 horses in training, two thirds of them owned by his brother, and has already equalled his 1989 tally.

In a profession where long periods of disappointment are interspersed with occasional moments of joy, Charles has wondered at times why he bothers.

"There are mornings when you wake up and you would rather go back to sleep because there are a lot of problems to face," he says. "It must be the same for all trainers but some are much tougher than me and they can probably handle disappointment better than I can. I try very hard to get it right."

He has do doubt that training racehorses is much tougher than the supposedly cut-throat world of business. "You are so much on public display when you train horses. Statistics are there for everyone to see. In business you can paper over a lot of things that go wrong. Horses either run well or they don't."

Of course, his personal wealth enables him to subsidise losses to a certain extent. "I do not believe we are any different from other large owners - all of whom are losing money. It is just a question of what one is comfortable with and at the present time our resources just about stretch to cover our current arrangements. Somebody once said that racing is an elegant way to lose money. I could not put it better."

He added: "I am trying to make a commercial venture of the whole operation. It has eventually to become self-financing. I won't carry on losing money every year indefinitely. That would be suicide."

Ironically, the recession and its effect on the bloodstock industry could provide a bonus. His success has been achieved with bargain basement horses, 90 per cent of which cost less than £10,000. Although he is not prepared to skimp on breeding, he is willing to risk horses with less than perfect conformation.

"I feel that this is probably the best year ever to try to buy a quality yearling as the market will be extremely depressed and prices could be pretty low."

The business acumen which enabled Charles Cyzer to indulge in a high-risk dream, may just give a him a chance to really prosper as a trainer.

JULIAN HERBERT

Business partners: Cyzer with Bey D'Ao, one of a string of 35 he trains on his 150-acre estate in Sussex

Derby remains on Wednesday

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

UNITED Racecourses Ltd, the body that controls Epsom racecourse, has finally given the thumbs down to any idea of running the Ever Ready Derby, the nation's most prestigious race, on a Saturday.

Tim Neligan, managing director of United Racecourses, said yesterday: "The Derby involves more than just a horse race. There are an enormous number of questions involved. We thought that if we were going to change to a Saturday the benefit would flow entirely in the direction of off-course betting.

"Switching the Derby from its traditional Wednesday would not necessarily bring more people to Epsom. Also, there is a lot of corporate hospitality in the Derby day attendance and most people involved in that would therefore consider they were working on Saturday.

"The official position is that the board would review the situation in the event of Sunday racing ever becoming allowed in Britain. But in view of recent developments, the Derby will obviously be taking place on a Wednesday for the foreseeable future."

Other news from Epsom is that the unprofitable spring meeting is to be abandoned. The £20 million redevelopment scheme will be completed in time for the Derby meeting of 1992, when there will be a total of eight days' racing, including the August bank holiday meeting and two new evening fixtures on July 1 and 29.

At Newbury yesterday, Steve Cauthen rode his fiftieth winner of the season when capturing the Hackwood Stakes on Keen Hunter for John Gosden. The former champion jockey went on to complete a 41-1 double when winning the Ridgeway Handicap on Vallauris for David Elsworth.

The disappointment of the Hackwood Stakes was the running of Imperfect Circle. Pat Eddery tried to bring the filly with a run two furlongs from home but she finished well beaten as Cauthen drove Keen Hunter past the post a length in front of the long-time leader Sizzling Saga.

Last season as a three-year-old Keen Hunter was strongly fancied to win the July Cup for Sheikh Mohammed but could only finish fifth behind Royal Academy.

"We had a lot of problems with him," said Gosden. "He was badly jarred up in that race and it's been difficult to get him right. The better ground here today was a big help. And I thought enough of his chances to get a flight back from Kentucky to Gatwick to be in time. Races like the Ladbrokes Sprint Cup at Haydock in September are now possible targets."

Earlier in the afternoon Lanfranco Dettori had initiated a double for Sheikh Mohammed when making every yard of the running on Designate to win the Watermill Maiden Stakes for Luca Cumani.

The other news yesterday concerned Manton, Robert Sangster's 2,300 acre modern training complex outside Marlborough.

Commenting on a rumour that Henry Cecil is to rent some stabling at Manton, Sangster said: "The matter came up at a lunch that I had with Henry and my son Guy in London before the July meeting. Henry expressed a lot of interest. He has had so many problems with the virus and training injuries at Newmarket. He was interested in setting up a back-up operation and renting about 100 boxes."

Cecil, however, was inclined to play the matter down. Speaking from Warren Place at Newmarket, the nine times champion trainer said: "It was only a casual remark thrown out at lunch. I've never been to Manton, but I've heard that it's a wonderful place and has marvellous facilities. But I couldn't train in two places at once and I'm not in a position to leave Warren Place."

Gosden: fine training feat with Keen Hunter

Talented British duo tackles Robert Papin

FROM OUR FRENCH RACING CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

THERE is are two talented British raiders taking part in the £37,500 Prix Robert Papin over an extended five furlongs at Maisons-Laffitte tomorrow.

Both Richard Hannon's Showbrook (Bruce Raymond) and Peter Chapple-Hyam's Night Duty (Pat Eddery) will test the value of France's top two-year-old form, which is powerfully represented by Francois Boutin's Arazi and Andre Fabre's Steinbeck.

The Prix Maurice de Nieuil sees the reappearance of the dismal Derby joint-favourite Toulon.

However, Pat Eddery's mount faces a tough test to re-establish his reputation against the likes of Topanoora (Steve Cauthen).

Jim Bolger's four-year-old is seeking compensation after his controversial disqualification in the Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot. Cauthen takes over on the Irish colt in place of the suspended Christy Roche.

Paul Kelleway's Marcus Thorpe (Bruce Raymond) and David Morley's Sesame are among the nine runners for the extended mile and a half event.

At Evry today, Alan Munro is in action on Paul Cole's Ausherra in the Prix Minerve.

☐ Trainers were urged to be vigilant yesterday as an outbreak of equine flu was confirmed in the south east of England. The virus, influenza A equine 2, has been located in non-thoroughbred and thoroughbred horses in Suffolk, Essex and Berkshire, including one undisclosed Newmarket stable.

☐ John Carroll continued his impressive recent run when riding the first three winners at Thirsk yesterday — Nifty Fifty (4-6), Twilight Fiesta (5-4) and Red Rosein (3-1).

Racing next week

MONDAY: Bath, Ayr, †Windsor, †Nottingham. TUESDAY: Redcar, Folkestone. WEDNESDAY: Doncaster, †Sandown Park, Yarmouth, †Redcar. THURSDAY: Yarmouth, Brighton, †Doncaster. FRIDAY: Ascot, Yarmouth, Carlisle, †Pontefract. SATURDAY: Ascot, Newcastle, Hamilton Park, †Warwick, †Southwell.

† Denotes evening meeting.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good

2.00 (6f 8yd) 1, NIGHT MANOEUVRES (C Rutter, 9-4); 2, Sunday's Hill (W Newnes, 33-1); 3, Pursuit Of Love (S Cauthen, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Verde Alitalia, 12 Martina Wish, Courting Niece, Petite Sonnerie (6th), 20 Blackpatch Hill, Pinkinsia, 33 Singers Image (5th), Tooley's Boy (4th), C U Coral, Penny Drops. 13 ran. NR: Nasl. Nk, 2½l, ¾l, hd, 3l. H Candy at Wantage. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £8.70, £1.30. DF: £71.00. CSF: £73.15. 1min 17.12sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.35 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, DESIGNATE (L Dettori, 11-2); 2, Signor Sassie (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3, Sir George Chuffy (W Carson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Tetradonna (4th), 4 Birthdays' Child, 5 Air Of Elegance, 7 Captain My Captain, 14 Last Match, 20 Trebly (5th), Yimkin Bookra (6th), 25 Camomile. 11 ran. 2l, ¾l, sh hd, hd, 4l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £8.50; £2.10, £3.20, £3.20. DF: £34.10. CSF: £47.48. 2min 08.98sec.

3.10 (6f 8yd) 1, KEEN HUNTER (S Cauthen, 5-1); 2, Sizzling Saga (L Piggott, 5-1); 3, Montendre (W Newnes, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Imperfect Circle, 9 Snowy Owl, 12 Mohawk Chief, 14 Osario, Palace Street (6th), Heard A Whisper, 20 Sheer Precocity (4th), 25 Punch N'Run, 33 Paddy Chalk, Water Well, Arturian (5th), 66 Sunset Street. 15 ran. NR: Green Dollar. 1l, 1½l, nk, nk, 2l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £6.70; £2.40, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £19.30. CSF: £32.32. 1min 14.77sec.

3.45 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, VALLAURIS (S Cauthen, 6-1); 2, Border Mate (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Shot Stopper (B Rouse, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Rose Alto, Elsme Tully (6th), 5 Sharp Circle, 6 Lady In Red (5th), 11 Affair To Remember (4th). 8 ran. Nk, 1½l, sh hd, ¾l, ½l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £2.00, £3.80. DF: £21.50. Trio: £79.30. CSF: £29.38. Tricast: £297.25. 2min 07.59sec.

4.20 (5f 34yd) 1, WALK IN THE PARK (A Tucker, 25-1); 2, Temple Fortune (S Cauthen, 9-2); 3, Fiction (J Reid, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Gold Jubilee (4th), 11-2 Musval, My Sovereign (6th), 7 Nomadic Rose, 10 Songleather (5th). 8 ran. Nk, 1½l, hd, ½l, sh hd. R Simpson at Foxhill. Tote: £20.20; £2.10, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £33.90. CSF: £127.52. 1min 05.04sec.

4.50 (2m) 1, BRANDON PRINCE (R Cochrane, 100-30); 2, Prince Sobur (J Reid, 7-2); 3, As Always (Paul Eddery, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Patroclus (4th), 13-2 Western Dancer (5th), 20 Ballystate, Dancing Bride (6th). 7 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 2l, sh hd, sh hd. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £3.20; £2.00, £2.40. DF: £7.40. CSF: £14.38. 3min 38.62sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,014.40 carried over to Newbury today).
Placepot: £350.20.

Thirsk

Going: firm

2.15 (5f) 1, Nifty Fifty (J Carroll, 4-6 fav); 2, Boulabas (7-1); 3, Just Bob (5-1). 5 ran. 8l, 4l. J Berry. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £2.20. DF: £4.30. CSF: £5.67.

2.45 (1m) 1, Twilight Fiesta (J Carroll, 5-4 fav); 2, Pitar (16-1); 3, Little Bang (2-1). 10 ran. 2l, 2l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £3.40, £1.40. DF: £23.00. CSF: £22.25. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (6f) 1, Red Rosein (J Carroll, 3-1 fav); 2, Macs Maharanee (7-2); 3, Quatre Femme (5-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 3l. J H Wilson. Tote: £4.30; £1.30, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £8.20. CSF: £12.79. Tricast: £44.84.

3.55 (1m) 1, Leave It To Lib (J Tate, 9-2); 2, Lombard Ships (9-2); 3, Monarch Express (12-1). Gant Bleu 7-2 fav. 9 ran. 2½l, 3l. P Calver. Tote: £4.60; £1.60, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £18.70. CSF: £22.98. Tricast: £202.68.

4.25 (1m 4f) 1, Express Account (R Hills, 11-4); 2, Quip (8-1); 3, Masked Ball (7-2). Eire Leath-Sceal 11-8 fav. 5 ran. 1l, 1½l. R Williams. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £1.10. DF: £5.30. CSF: £18.60.

4.55 (6f) 1, Green's Le Sidaner (T Quinn, 2-1); 2, No Comebacks (8-11 fav); 3, Miss Brightside (6-1). 4 ran. NR: Cottage Gallery. 1½l, 3½l. P Cole. Tote: £2.50; £2.00. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.73.

5.25 (6f 216yd) 1, My Nominee (J Fortune, 12-1); 2, Ataturk (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Call For Rooney (7-2). 5 ran. S Kettlewell. ½l, 1½l. Tote: £13.90; £5.20, £2.00. DF, £16.60. CSF: £37.86. The Dawn Trader finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified and placed last. Placepot: £84.50.

Ayr

Going: good

3.45 (6f) 1, Penny Orchid (D Nicholls, 16-1); 2, Panchellita (100-30); 3, Spanish Performer (5-2). Arizaga 9-4 fav. 6 ran. Hd, 1½l. W Pearce. Tote: £12.40; £2.70, £2.00. DF: £56.50. CSF: £60.15. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.15 (7f) 1, Dawn's Delight (M Wigham, 9-1); 2, Fit The Bill (10-11 fav); 3, Miss Knight (11-4). 7 ran. Nk, nk. K Ivory. Tote: £7.40; £3.40, £1.40. DF: £5.20. CSF: £17.02. No bid.

4.45 (1m) 1, Sir Arthur Hobbs (R Lappin, 12-1); 2, Foolish Touch (7-1); 3, Causley (11-2). Claudia Miss 5-1 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, hd. F Lee. Tote: £18.70; £4.70, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £82.70. CSF: £78.70. Tricast: £421.83

5.15 (1m) 1, River Chase (G Duffield, 8-11 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, At Peace (11-4); 3, Classic Suite (10-1). 5 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.04.

5.45 (7f) 1, Salmino (M Birch, 9-4 fav); 2, Super Benz (5-1); 3, Charlafrivola (11-2). 5 ran. 3½l, 1½l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £3.10; £2.00, £2.30. DF: £8.10. CSF: £11.44.

6.15 (1m 2f 192yd) 1, Master Glen (G Forster, 13-2); 2, Able Lassie (5-2 fav); 3, Mardessa (9-1). 9 ran. NR: Forbearance. 2l, 1l. G Oldroyd. Tote: £9.90; £3.00, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £8.90. CSF: £20.68. Tricast: £116.17. Placepot: Not available

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Hamilton Park

Going: soft (final furlong heavy)

7.15 (6f 5yd) 1, Fylde Flyer (J Carroll, 9-4); 2, Sport Of Fools (5-1); 3, Cashtal Runner (16-1). Ambitious Venture 6-4 fav. 8 ran. 2l, 6l. J Berry. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.30, £5.00. DF: £9.30. CSF: £13.05. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

7.45 (6f 5yd) 1, State Flyer (G Forster, 11-4); 3, Sally Fay (11-8 fav); 3, Barrel Bambina (12-1). 5 ran. ½l, 1½l. G Oldroyd. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.66.

8.15 (1m 65yd) 1, Total Shambles (L Charnock, 16-1); 2, Premier Royale (7-4 fav); 3, Mirror's Image (5-2). 6 ran. NR: Norfina Hd, 3l. J Wainwright. Tote: £11.60; £3.40, £2.20. DF: £18.20. CSF: £42.42.

8.45 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, No Candles Tonight (J Carroll, 8-11 fav); 2, Swift Silver (9-4); 3, Noble Society (9-2). 4 ran. 3½l, 5l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.79.

9.15 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Arabian Sultan (T Lang, 14-1); 2, Worth Of Meltham (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Rexy Boy (16-1). Highland Park, Saville Way 11-2 jt-favs. 12 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J White. Tote: £19.40; £7.30, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £57.50. CSF: £83.07. Tricast: £1,144.73.
Placepot: £829.20.

Chepstow

Going: good to soft

7.30 (6f 16yd) 1, Swing Low (R Perham, 11-4); 2, Call The Bureau (15-2); 3, Aedean (7-1). Red Sombrero 6-4 fav. 6 ran. 1l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.70; £2.10, £2.20. DF: £9.90. CSF: £20.66.

8.00 (2m 49yd) 1, Shahl (S Cauthen, 1-12 fav); 2, Super Ritchart (12-1); 3, Aswamedh (33-1). 4 ran. 7l, sh hd. H Cecil. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.11.

8.30 (7f 16yd) 1, Himiko (M Hills, 15-8 fav); 2, Colloda (7-2); 3, Neroli (40-1). 8 ran. 1l, 3l. B Hills. Tote: £2.90; £1.10, £1.50, £3.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £8.58.

9.00 (6f 16yd) 1, How's Yer Father (T Sprake, 5-1); 2, My Ruby Ring (33-1); 3, Nazare Blue (13-2); 4, Tara's Girl (12-1). Mushy Boff 7-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Dark Kristal, Iron King, Zeboim. ¾l, hd. R Hodges. Tote: £4.10; £1.30, £3.20, £2.30, £2.40. DF: £104.10. CSF: £133.62. Tricast: £990.48.
Placepot: £17.60.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

6.30 Restless Don. 7.00 Cashtal Queen. 7.30 Electric Queen. 8.00 Sohrab. 8.30 Mindy. 9.00 Bedouin Prince.

THUNDERER

6.30 Ayodessa. 7.00 Cashtal Queen. 7.30 Electric Queen. 8.00 Sohrab. 8.30 Salbyng. 9.00 Madam Taylor.

GOING: STANDARD
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

6.30 LION HANDICAP (£2,264: 5f) (12 runners)

1 0000 HINARI VIDEO 4 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 5-10-0 R P Elliott 2
2 3334 NO QUARTER GIVEN 12 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Felgate 6-10-0 G Baxter 9
3 4652 YOUNG SHADOWFAX 12 (V,F) C Allen 4-9-7 Mick Denaro (7) 12
4 3504 SILLY'S BROTHER 15 (B,C) N Bycroft 5-8-7 S Webster 4
5 5902 RESTLESS DON 3 (D,F) M H Easterby 6-8-0 G Bardwell 10
6 6-26 PAPER SHOES 15 (CD,F) R Earnshaw 5-8-12 A Mackay 6
7 0-66 APRES HUIT 168 (CD,F) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-11 J Marshall (7) 8
8 0330 TIPPLING 7 P Burgoyne 4-8-10 M Wigham 11
9 0420 ARC LAMP 12 (D,G) J Glover 5-8-10 J Carroll 3
10 2056 LONELY LASS 7 L Barratt 5-8-7 R Price (5) 1
11 0304 AYODESSA 4 (D,F) Ronald Thompson 4-7-8 — 7
12 0000 MISS KIVE 28 (B) D Chapman 5-7-7 S Wood 5

3-1 No Quarter Given, 4-1 Young Shadowfax, 6-1 Silly's Brother, 7-1 Restless Don, 8-1 Arc Lamp, 12-1 Paper Shoes, 16-1 others.

7.00 TIGER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,549: 6f) (12)

1 1244 READY TO DRAW 23 (D,F) Ronald Thompson 9-2 A Mackay 4
2 3421 CASHTAL QUEEN 8 (D,F) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 5
3 0 KALAR 29 D Chapman 8-11 S Wood 1
4 016 ROWAN GREY 21 (CD) A Smith 8-11 S Webster 6
5 0 SIE AMATO 28 J H Wilson 8-11 G Duffield 10
6 60 TANEY COMO 10 W O'Gorman 8-11 D Nicholls 7
7 000 CHAMPAGNE DAISY 19 (B) J Balding 8-6 Paul Burke 2
8 DOESYOUDOES D Thom 8-6 J Williams 12
9 000 FOURTIMELUCKY 31 J Balding 8-6 C Dwyer 8
10 0 LOOSE SPIRIT 10 P Haslam 8-6 W Newnes 9
11 NOVA DANCER (V) P Bevan 8-6 G Bardwell 3
12 3003 SWANSIDE 16 M W Easterby 8-6 G Baxter 11

7-4 Cashtal Queen, 3-1 Rowan Grey, 5-1 Swanside, 8-1 Taney Como, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W O'Gorman, 15 winners from 55 runners, 27.3%; C Cyzer, 5 from 29, 17.2%; J Berry, 12 from 75, 16.0%; M W Easterby, 8 from 53, 15.1%; M Prescott, 7 from 49, 14.3%; C Allen, 10 from 84, 11.9%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 14 winners from 67 rides, 20.9%; G Carter, 21 from 137, 15.3%; D Nicholls, 10 from 70, 14.3%; G Duffield, 22 from 164, 13.4%; J Fanning, 8 from 62, 12.9%; Mick Denaro, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

7.30 PUMA MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,001: 6f) (10)

1 0 DAVID'S OWN 17 S Mellor 9-0 Dana Mellor 1
2 EMPEEKA W O'Gorman 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (5) 10
3 FLIM FLAM ALY Mrs N Macauley 9-0 J Marshall (7) 5
4 0 KILMELFORD 46 J Toller 9-0 W Newnes 3
5 036 NOBLE CAUSE 26 R Earnshaw 9-0 A Mackay 7
6 5 TIBBS INN 36 R Marvin 9-0 S D Williams (7) 4
7 00 TOPSTRIKE 47 W O'Gorman 9-0 A Cruz 8
8 00 AND ME 26 D Thom 8-9 J Williams 2
9 6 ELECTRIC QUEEN 16 J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 6
10 50 MARY MACBLAIN 33 J Harris 8-9 G Baxter 9

9-4 Electric Queen, 7-2 Empeeka, 11-2 Kilmelford, 6-1 Noble Cause, 8-1 Topstrike, 10-1 David's Own, 20-1 others.

8.00 LYNX MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,001: 7f) (7)

1 0-00 DAL MISS 14 (B) R Peacock 4-9-2 G Duffield 3
2 0-00 DERRY LOVE 43 L Barratt 4-9-2 N Adams 1
3 0- KABERA 302 D Chapman 3-9-0 S Wood 2
4 0-2 SOHRAB 16 G Wragg 3-9-0 G Carter 5
5 6-0 TELLWRIGHT 21 J Toller 3-9-0 W Newnes 4
6 63 DASHING APRIL 9 D Thom 3-8-9 J Williams 6
7 250- MAC'S PRINCESS 262 W O'Gorman 3-8-9 A Cruz 7

13-8 Sohrab, 9-4 Dashing April, 9-2 Mac's Princess, 7-1 Tellwright, 16-1 others.

8.30 NPT HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,285: 1m) (11)

1 1131 SALBYNG 22 (CD,G,S) J Hills 9-7 R Hills 4
2 3125 LAUREL QUEEN 23 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll 5
3 143 HAZAR 15 (C) M Prescott 9-2 G Duffield 1
4 0604 GRANNY'S GIRL 4 (V) J Harris 8-7 G Baxter 11
5 006 MART LAGACHE 15 D Chapman 7-11 Paul Burke 3
6 0001 MINDY 7 (B,CD) N Callaghan 7-10 — 2
7 0000 JET PET 4 (S) D Thom 7-7 N Adams 6
8 0202 CHINA SKY 7 C Allen 7-7 G Bardwell 8
9 050- TYRWHITT TRYST 249 D Chapman 7-7 S Wood 9
10 003 L'ACQUESIANA 7 S Bowring 7-7 A Mackay 7
11 0000 STRIP CARTOON 7 (B) S Bowring 7-7 — 10

5-2 Laurel Queen, 7-2 Hazar, 9-2 Mindy, 6-1 Salbyng, 8-1 China Sky, 10-1 L'Acquesiana, 12-1 others.

9.00 PANTHER HANDICAP (£2,264: 1m 4f) (9)

1 2404 MYSTERY BAND 36 (H,C,F) C Beever 5-9-10 G Bardwell 6
2 0040 BEDOUIN PRINCE 21 (V,CD) J Harris 4-9-7 Dean McKeown 3
3 004 BALLERINA BAY 17 D Thom 3-9-4 J Williams 2
4 1-40 IN ORBIT 15 (S) A Stringer 6-9-3 D Nicholls 7
5 0502 WOTAMONA 8 B Palling 3-9-0 N Adams 8
6 0102 QUALITAIR BLAZER 7 (CD) J Bottomley 4-8-13 Paul Burke 4
7 3001 MADAM TAYLOR 7 (B,C,F,G,S) R Peacock 6-8-13 G Duffield 5
8 0563 BILLY LOMOND 8 C Cyzer 3-8-12 M Wigham 1
9 1-06 WHIMBREL 15 (F) M H Easterby 3-8-2 A Mackay 6

7-2 Madam Taylor, 4-1 Bedouin Prince, 9-2 Qualitair Blazer, 6-1 Wotamona, Ballerina Bay, 8-1 Whimbrel, 10-1 others.

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Paris House to land rich dividend

JACK Berry looks set to add the finishing touches to his unforgettable week by winning the most valuable race ever run at Newbury, the £100,000 Newbury Sales Super Sprint Trophy, with Paris House today.

I doubt whether the successful Cockerham trainer would have been able to devise race conditions to suit Paris House better even if he had been given a totally free hand.

The colt's original weight was deemed by his inexpensive purchase price of 5,000 guineas. On top of that, he has only a 4lb penalty for winning four races, taking his weight to an attractive 8st 3lb.

After saddling his hundredth winner of the season at *Hamilton Park* on Wednesday, Berry, describing his philosophy when purchasing at the sales, said that he believes in picking horses that he himself would like to own, then worrying about who will pick up the bill afterwards. With his record, there should be no problems for the future.

Although Paris House won his first four races, his best performance to date was when finishing second, beaten a length and a half, to the Paul Cole-trained Magic Ring in the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot.

With Well Beyond dropping out yesterday, the hard core of Paris House's opposition now comprises Orthorhombus, who may well have been attempting the impossible at Sandown last time when trying to give Well Beyond 12lb, his own stable companion Bit-A-Magic and Wilde Rufo, both of whom were far from disgraced when beaten during the recent July meeting at Newmarket.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

With the Mtoto Donnington Castle Stakes and the Newbury Rose Bowl Stakes run either side of the main event, two-year-olds dominate the stage on the Berkshire track.

A horse winning a race by ten lengths must either be very good or the opposition moderate.

At Newmarket three weeks ago I formed the impression that Artic Tracker (2.35) could well fall into the former category, and I will be looking to him to gain another impressive victory.

With Maestroso, River Falls and Rokeby standing their ground, Rodrigo De Triano would appear to face a harder task if he too is to retain his unbeaten record by capturing the Rose Bowl.

But following that promising performance at Haydock first time out, I think he has a fine chance of keeping up his trainer Peter Chapple-Hyam's fine record for Robert Sangster.

My nap though is Aimaam to win the Steventon Stakes in the hands of Willie Carson.

After winning his first two races at Salisbury and York last year this John Dunlop-trained colt was expected to take high rank.

Unfortunately, he then cracked a bone in his knee at Goodwood and he was not seen out again until Newmarket ten days ago when he gave every indication that he still has a bright future by finishing such a commendable third in a handicap under top weight.

Well that Panikin won over six furlongs during that same Newmarket meeting, I still doubt him being able to beat Henry Cecil's Redden Burn over a mile when he returns to Headquarters to contest the valuable Food Brokers Trophy.

My best information for the Primula Maiden Stakes for two-year-olds concerns the well-named son of Kris, Mack The Knife, and a daughter of Lyphard, Phyliel, who is closely related to that good *horse Royal Academy*. Mack The Knife, who is trained by Dick Hern in Lambourn, is just preferred.

NEWBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Smart Blade.	2.00 Al Mutahm.	2.00 Vasiliev.
2.35 Artic Tracker.	2.35 Jape.	
3.10 Paris House.	3.10 Paris House.	
3.45 Rodrigo De Triano.	3.45 Rokeby.	
4.20 AIMAAM (nap).	4.20 Aimaam.	
4.55 Zanoni.	4.55 Choir Practice.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 INSCONCE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 PARIS HOUSE.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD SIS

DRAW: 5F 34YD-6F 8YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 JULY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £6,160: 1m 5f 61yd) (10 runners)

BBC1

101	(5)	0-31	VERTEX 21 (G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9-7	Pat Eddery	85
102	(7)	01	INSCONCE 21 (G) (Mrs S Taylor) J Gosden 9-3	G Hind	90
103	(4)	310	AL MUTAHM 31 (G) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-1	M Roberts	98
104	(8)	34-121	SMART BLADE 24 (G,S) (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	R Cochrane	98
105	(9)	00-613	SUPREME CHOICE 15 (Morven Stud Ltd) B Hills 8-13	D Holland (3)	95
106	(2)	10	HIGH STEPPE 53 (G) (P Player) J Fanshawe 8-13	B Raymond	85
107	(1)	61	VASILIEV 40 (G) (M Parrish) R Hannon 8-10	W Carson	85
108	(10)	3-53542	HELLESPONT 21 (A Richards) C Austin 8-10	M Hills	96
109	(3)	0-43	FAMOUS DANCER 18 (BF) (D Thompson) D Elsworth 8-8	T Quinn	85
110	(6)	00-3201	HARBOUR KNIGHT 16 (G) (F Sing Chuen Lui) J Eustace 7-13	J Quinn	● 99

BETTING: 4-1 Vasiliev, 5-1 Al Mutahm, 11-2 Smart Blade, Vertex, 6-1 Famous Dancer, 7-1 Insconce, 12-1 Supreme Choice, High Steppe, 14-1 Harbour Knight, 20-1 Hellespont.

1990: APPLECROSS 9-7 S Cauthen (6-1) H Cecil 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

VERTEX beat Castle Cavalier ½l in a maiden at Warwick (1m 4f 52yd, good). Previously, 14l 3rd of 18 to Cruachan in a maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good). INSCONCE beat HELLESPONT (12lb better off) 3l in an apprentice maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). AL MUTAHM 21l 9th of 14 to Jendali in group III Queens Vase at Royal Ascot (2m 45yd, good). Previously, beat Silver Rainbow a head in a maiden at Haydock (1m 4f, good). SMART BLADE beat Dom Wac 2l at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to soft). SUPREME CHOICE 8½l 3rd of 5 to Prince Hannibal at Haydock (1m 3f 200yd, good to firm). Previously, beat Shining Wood 1½l in a maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 3f, standard). HIGH STEPPE distant 10th of 14 to Chiefs Babu at Sandown (1m 3f 100yd, good to firm). Previously, beat Amaira 2l in a median auction graduation race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). VASILIEV beat Marked Card ½l in a maiden at Brighton (1m 4f, good). FAMOUS DANCER heavily backed, 8l 3rd of 9 to Top Mill in a maiden at Chepstow (1m 2f 36yd, good). HARBOUR KNIGHT beat Icanseeformiles ¾l at Brighton (1m 2f, good).
Selection: SMART BLADE

2.35 MTOTO DONNINGTON CASTLE STAKES

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £9,565: 7f) (8 runners)

BBC1

201	(6)	1	ARTIC TRACKER 21 (D,G) (Mrs D Wetherby) C Nelson 9-2	J Reid	● 99
202	(5)	1	BOBZAO 18 (S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 8-12	T Williams	81
203	(7)	21310	SPANISH STORM 32 (G) (V Sujanani) A Hide 8-12	R Cochrane	95
204	(1)	5	BLACK JACK SILVER 9 (P Savill) M Stoute 8-8	K Darley	—
205	(4)		COCOS ISLAND (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	Paul Eddery	—
206	(2)	0	HAUT-BRION 14 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8	M Hills	—
207	(8)		JAPE (F Salman) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	—
208	(3)	3	LYN'S RETURN 14 (Mrs L Washington) R Simpson 8-8	Pat Eddery	91

BETTING: 8-13 Artic Tracker, 6-1 Jape, 7-1 Spanish Storm, 10-1 Lyn's Return, 14-1 Bobzao, 16-1 Black Jack Silver, 20-1 others.

1990: BRAVEFOOT 9-2 W Carson (1-2 fav) W Hern 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARTIC TRACKER beat Marlanda Light 10l in a maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). BOBZAO beat Holetown 2½l at Folkestone (6f, soft). SPANISH STORM 23l 13th of 14 to Dilum in group III Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good). Previously, beat Coventry Stakes 3rd Casteddu (rec 6lb) ½l at Kempton (6f, good). BLACK JACK SILVER 10½l 5th of 7 to Silvio Alfredo in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). LYN'S RETURN 3l 3rd to Tik Fa in a maiden at Sandown (7f, good), with HAUT-BRION 18l 7th. COCOS ISLAND (foaled Mar 19), by Proud Birdie, best at up to 1m 2f out of a minor 7f winner. JAPE (May 22, cost $130,000), half-brother by Alleged to 1m 1f winner Ecossais Danseur.
Selection: ARTIC TRACKER

3.10 NEWBURY SALES SUPER SPRINT TROPHY

(2-Y-O: £57,260: 5f 34yd) (13 runners)

BBC1

301	(1)	11213	BIT-A-MAGIC 11 (D,F,G) (Abrahams Bros) J Berry 8-6	L Piggott	88
302	(5)	111123	DIAMOND MINE 29 (D,F,G) (P Savill) J Berry 8-6	K Darley	89
303	(9)	34211	SANDCASTLE CITY 19 (D,G,S) (D Caruth) R Hannon 8-5	Pat Eddery	90
304	(8)	6314	FAIR CRACK 8 (CD,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-3	M Roberts	85
305	(2)	11112	PARIS HOUSE 30 (D,F,G,S) (P Chandler) J Berry 8-3	J Carroll	● 99
306	(13)	312	ORTHORHOMBUS 15 (D,BF,F) (M Thornhill) G Lewis 7-13	Paul Eddery	98
307	(7)	22230	REGAL CHIMES 29 (M Sturgess) B McMahon 7-13	T Williams	77
308	(3)	3103	WILDE RUFO 10 (B,G) (G Mazza) P Kelleway 7-13	W Carson	85
309	(11)	00	FRENI 54 (T Barker) M Usher 7-8	R Street	—
310	(6)	21	HARVEST GIRL 10 (G) (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-8	J Quinn	92
311	(4)	0	LES JAZZ HOT 12 (Mrs R Marchant) M Jarvis 7-8	S Dawson	—
312	(10)	01	MISS NOSEY PARKER 108 (D,S) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 7-8	N Carlisle	90
313	(12)	2	ROCKBOURNE 39 (The Thoroughbred Exchange) J Hills 7-8	D Holland (3)	77

BETTING: 11-8 Paris House, 7-2 Orthorhombus, 10-1 Sandcastle City, Wilde Rufo, 12-1 Bit-A-Magic, 14-1 Harvest Girl, 16-1 Diamond Mine, Fair Crack, 16-1 Miss Nosey Parker, 25-1 Rockbourne, 50-1 others

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BIT-A-MAGIC 1l last of 3 to Night Duty in a listed race at Newmarket (5f, good). DIAMOND MINE ¾l 3rd to Iader at Royal Ascot (5f, good), with REGAL CHIMES 3¾l 7th. Previously, 6l 2nd to Showbrook at Epsom (6f, good to firm).
SANDCASTLE CITY beat Battle Of Britain 1½l at Windsor (5f, good). Previously, 2½l 2nd to Night Duty in a maiden at Leicester (5f, good). FAIR CRACK 5l 4th to Changing Times at York (6f, good). Previously, beat Icy Knight ½l here (5f, good). PARIS HOUSE 1½l 2nd to Magic Ring in group III Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good). ORTHORHOMBUS ½l 2nd to Well Beyond at Sandown (5f, good to soft). Previously, beat Roly Wallace 4l over the same course and distance (good to firm). WILDE RUFO 6l 3rd of 4 to Showbrook in group III July Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good) HARVEST GIRL beat Brecon Beacons 1½l in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). MISS NOSEY PARKER beat Spanish Storm 3½l at Kempton (5f, good to soft). ROCKBOURNE 1½l 2nd to Memu in a maiden at Salisbury (5f, good).
Selection: PARIS HOUSE (nap)

3.45 NEWBURY ROSE BOWL STAKES

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £8,975: 6f 8yd) (8 runners)

401	(4)	2134	DUTY SERGEANT 23 (F) (W Mann) M Muggeridge 8-11	Pat Eddery	83
402	(8)	1	MAESTROSO 12 (D,G) (Mrs T Dunbar) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	94
403	(5)	21	RIVER FALLS 8 (D,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 8-11	B Raymond	87
404	(1)	1	RODRIGO DE TRIANO 16 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11	Paul Eddery	80
405	(6)	51	ROKEBY 50 (D,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	R Cochrane	● 99
406	(3)	213	SEBOSAN 23 (G) (V Sujanani) A Hide 8-11	L Piggott	87
407	(7)	222411	TITCH WIZARD 7 (D,F,G) (N Morris) G Lewis 8-11	W Carson	98
408	(2)		TRADERS DREAM (C Marner) T Thomson Jones 8-11	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 3-1 River Falls, 7-2 Titch Wizard, 4-1 Rokeby, 5-1 Maestroso, 7-1 Rodrigo De Triano, 10-1 others.

1990: IVORY BRIDE 8-6 R Cochrane (4-1) M Tompkins 6 ran

4.20 STEVENTON STAKES (£7,505: 1m 2f 6yd) (6 runners)

501	(5)	1201	ADVERSARY 12 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-4	Pat Eddery	95
502	(6)	114-3	AIMAAM 10 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-4	W Carson	● 99
503	(3)	2-11263	COLLINS AVENUE 16 (S) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 3-8-4	M Hills	88
504	(4)	50-413	FLASHFOOT 35 (BF,F) (J Smith) I Balding 3-8-4	R Cochrane	84
505	(1)	1261	MELLABY 22 (D,F,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-4	Paul Eddery	92
506	(2)	6-20164	ZIGAURA 10 (F) (Mrs J Ohlsson) D Elsworth 3-7-13	Dale Gibson	95

BETTING: 9-4 Adversary, 11-4 Aimaam, 7-2 Mellaby, 5-1 Zigaura, 7-1 Collins Avenue, 12-1 Flashfoot.

1990: MADAME DUBOIS 3-7-13 A McGlone (9-4) H Cecil 7 ran

4.55 SHRIVENHAM HANDICAP (£4,012: 5f 34yd) (12 runners)

601	(12)	234-006	OUR FREDDIE 39 (HB,CD,F,G,S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 7-10-0	T Williams	93
602	(3)	0-00202	ZANONI 18 (D,G) (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-9-11	Paul Eddery	98
603	(11)	0-13020	CHOIR PRACTICE 29 (D,BF,F,G) (F Salman) H Candy 4-9-11	C Rutter	94
604	(5)	114116	AUGHFAD 11 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 5-9-7	J Reid	95
605	(8)	035464	METAL BOYS 5 (D,F,G) (North Staffs Racing Club) R Hollinshead 4-9-3	S Parks	95
606	(9)	062300	RACKETEER 8 (B,CD,F) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 3-9-2	M Hills	96
607	(7)	345135	TERRHARS 15 (D,BF,F,G) (H Bambrook) R Hannon 3-9-0	R Perham (5)	98
608	(10)	102314	BREEZY DAY 7 (D,G,S) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 5-8-11	B Raymond	94
609	(6)	010013	SKI CAPTAIN 8 (D,F,G,S) (B Dickson) P Howling 7-8-5	Pat Eddery	98
610	(2)	50-5125	MERTOLA'S PET 10 (D,BF,F) (Capt. J George) L Cottrell 5-8-3	N Carlisle	● 99
611	(1)	000502	BELLA SEVILLE 7 (B,D,F,G,S) (H Duddin) T Barron 7-7-10	L Charnock	92
612	(4)	064353	WAVERLEY STAR 7 (B,D,F) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 6-7-7	J Quinn	87

Long handicap: Waverley Star 7-2.

BETTING: 9-2 Choir Practice, 11-2 Aughfad, 6-1 Ski Captain, 7-1 Zanoni, 8-1 Mertola's Pet, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Stoute	21	111	18.9	Pat Eddery	54	285	18.9
A Stewart	7	45	15.6	L Piggott	3	17	17.6
R Charlton	4	26	15.4	W Carson	44	258	17.2
J Gosden	6	41	14.6	M Roberts	25	186	13.4
P Kelleway	4	30	13.3	T Quinn	21	167	12.6
P Cole	18	137	13.1			(Only qualifiers)	

(Not including yesterday's results)

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Reed Bed.	2.15 Race To Time.	3.15 Gueca Solo.
2.45 Finjan.	2.45 Luna Bid.	4.15 REDDEN BURN (nap).
3.15 Lord Charmer.	3.15 Lord Charmer.	
3.45 Mack The Knife.	3.45 Royal Prussia.	
4.15 Redden Burn.	4.15 Redden Burn.	
4.45 Zandril.	4.45 Sports Post Lady.	
5.15 Nedtex.	5.15 Jubal Early.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Phyliel.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 RISBY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,012: 1m) (15 runners)

1	(2)		DON'T BLUSH (C Hill) C Hill 9-5	G Crealock	—
2	(4)	0-60100	DEBJANJO 33 (D,F) (Bingdon Builders Ltd) J Jenkins 9-1	G Baxter	87
3	(5)	580-04	PERJURY 24 (B) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 9-1	S Cauthen	85
4	(7)		FELIM BLWM (Lord Mostyn) J Toller 8-11	W Newnes	—
5	(14)	684162	CIBOURE 4 (D,F,G) (T Barker) M Usher 8-10	M Wigham	90
6	(6)		MY THREE GIRLS (S Frankham) H Collingridge 8-8	V Smith	—
7	(15)	101052	RACE TO TIME 24 (D,G) (Wiley Engineering) R Akehurst 8-7	J Fortune	92
8	(13)	500-243	NAO FAZ MAL 12 (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 8-4	F Norton (5)	94
9	(10)	600513	REED BED 12 (V,D,BF,G,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 8-3	B Rouse	98
10	(11)	00-230	JULIE'S STAR 16 (V) (Mrs N Cowan) C James 8-2	G Duffield	91
11	(8)	515036	QUIETLY IMPRESSIVE 10 (D,G) (C Wates) M Bell 8-2	P Turner (7)	98
12	(1)	00-000	WAYPOST 22 (A Hide) A Hide 8-1	G Bardwell	—
13	(12)	620	MORE DOMINION 8 (Mrs C Dartford) A Scott 8-0	N Adams	91
14	(9)	030-505	REPLICATE 24 (Mrs R Wigley) J Hills 7-12	R Hills	97
15	(3)	60-0002	ZAXIS 12 (B) (A Reid) J Scargill 7-10	B Crossley	● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Quietly Impressive, 4-1 Race To Time, 9-2 Perjury, 5-1 Reed Bed, 7-1 Replicate, 10-1 Ciboure, Nao Faz Mal, 12-1 Zaxis, More Dominion, 14-1 others.

1990: IMAGINING 9-7 A Clark (14-1) J Hills 14 ran

2.45 MIM BRITANNIA HANDICAP (£4,776: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(7)	011206	GREEN DOLLAR 24 (D,F,G) (B Azemoudeh) E Wheeler 8-10-0	T Sprake (5)	98
2	(9)	2-02501	FINJAN 15 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-9-13	G Husband (5)	97
3	(4)	003-203	ALTAIA 33 (BF,F) (P Deal) W Haggas 4-9-10	R Hills	97
4	(5)	045114	BERNSTEIN BETTE 15 (D,F,G,S) (M Tanner) P Felgate 5-9-3	J Williams	97
5	(10)	413484	LUNA BID 24 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 8-9-2	W Newnes	98
6	(3)	1043-03	PIQUANT 14 (D,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-13	S Cauthen	96
7	(8)	120606	SALLY'S SON 5 (D,B,F) (W O'Gorman) W O'Gorman 5-8-7	Emma O'Gorman (5)	95
8	(1)	135201	YONGE TENDER 17 (D,B,F,G) (T Molony) J Wharton 4-8-4	A Cruz	● 99
9	(2)	340544	ZINBAQ 24 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 5-7-10	N Adams	97
10	(6)	2-05112	VUCHTERBACHER 3 (Mrs D Carvalho) P Tulk 5-7-7	T Wilson (7)	90

Long handicap: Vuchterbacher 7-0.

BETTING: 7-2 Finjan, 5-1 Bernstein Bette, 11-2 Luna Bid, Green Dollar, 9-1 Altaia, Yonge Tender, 10-1 Piquant, 12-1 Vuchterbacher, 14-1 Zinbaq, 20-1 Sally's Son.

1990: EASY LINE 7-9-8 W R Swinburn (7-1) P Felden 13 ran

3.15 FOOD BROKERS PLAX GRADUATION STAKES

(£4,347: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

C4

1	(3)	614-036	CROUPIER 32 (C,F,G) (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 4-9-10	G Crealock	97
2	(2)	180-220	LORD CHARMER 32 (C,F) (Lord White of Hull) J Gosden 4-9-10	S Cauthen	● 99
3	(5)	50	ROCKY ROMANCE 49 (Mrs S McGarvie) R Curtis 4-9-3	B Rouse	—
4	(1)	01	HENBURY HALL 35 (G) (Lady Chelsea) J Dunlop 3-9-0	G Duffield	80
5	(7)	21-45	LIVING IMAGE 84 (S) (H Joel) W Jarvis 3-8-0	M Tebbutt	86
6	(4)	6-1	GUECA SOLO 16 (G) (C St George) H Cecil 3-8-8	A Cruz	84
7	(6)	1	HONEYCHURCH 16 (D,G) (Baron E de Rothschild) L Cumani 3-8-9	J Fortune	80

BETTING: 5-2 Lord Charmer, 3-1 Gueca Solo, 9-2 Henbury Hall, 5-1 Croupier, 7-1 Honeychurch, 20-1 Living Image, 50-1 Rocky Romance.

1990: CRACK 3-10-0 Mrs S Cumani (4-9 fav) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROUPIER 5l 3rd of 11 to Stagecraft in group III Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. LORD CHARMER 2½l 2nd to Spritsail in a listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. HENBURY HALL beat Grand Hawk 1l in a maiden at York (7f 202yd, good). LIVING IMAGE 10l 5th of 7 to Balwa here on the Rowley Mile course (7f, good). GUECA SOLO beat Sohrab 8l in a maiden at Yarmouth (1m 3yd, good). HONEYCHURCH beat Shardog 1½l in a maiden at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good).
Selection: CROUPIER

3.45 PRIMULA MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,776: 6f) (5 runners)

C4

1	(5)	5	HOLLYWOOD HARRY 21 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0	G Crealock	—
2	(2)		MACK THE KNIFE (Sir John Astor) W Hern 9-0	B Rouse	—
3	(4)		ROYAL PRUSSIA (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	—
4	(3)		MAGADEER (S Khaled) J Dunlop 8-9	W Newnes	—
5	(1)		PHYLIEL (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-9	G Duffield	—

BETTING: 6-4 Royal Prussia, 5-2 Phyliel, 3-1 Mack The Knife, 6-1 Magadeer, 10-1 Hollywood Harry.

1990: REGAL SABRE 9-0 B Raymond (8-11 fav) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

HOLLYWOOD HARRY 13l 5th of 7 to Artic Tracker here (7f, good). MACK THE KNIFE (foaled Feb 25), by Kris out of Oaks placed The Dancer. Half-brother to fair 1m 2f winner Pilot Bird. ROYAL PRUSSIA (Mar 9), by Danzig out of champion Canadian sprinter Avowal. MAGADEER (May 10, cost $7,500), Half-sister by Mogambo to 2 minor winners in the United States. PHYLIEL (Feb 26, $500,000), by Lyphard out of a half-sister to top-class sprinter/miler Royal Academy.
No selection

4.15 FOOD BROKERS TROPHY LIMITED HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £17,950: 1m) (6 runners)

C4

1	(4)	111-312	REDDEN BURN 14 (D,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-7	S Cauthen	96
2	(5)	30-5131	PANIKIN 11 (C,F,G) (P Lambert) J Wharton 9-3	J Williams	96
3	(1)	040-645	IVORY BRIDE 9 (F,S) (W Stuttaford) M Tompkins 8-12	R Hills	92
4	(3)	0-00413	PRINCESS TARA 9 (D,F) (Rotdvale Limited) G Lewis 8-0	G Duffield	95
5	(6)	0-516	ABDICATE 42 (BF,F) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds Ltd) L Cumani 8-0	J Fortune	89
6	(2)	06-1281	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 16 (D,G) (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 8-0	—	● 99

Long handicap: Abdicate 7-13, Crystal Heights 7-12.

BETTING: 11-8 Redden Burn, 4-1 Crystal Heights, 5-1 Princess Tara, 7-1 Abdicate, Ivory Bride, 10-1 Panikin.

1990: ABSONAL 8-1 G Duffield (3-1 fav) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

REDDEN BURN neck 2nd of 11 to Starlight Flyer at Sandown (1m, good). Previously, made all to beat Charlo ½l at York (1m 205yd, good). PANIKIN beat Panchos Pearl 3½l here (6f, good). IVORY BRIDE 9¼l 5th of 14 to Rise Up Singing over course and distance (good).
PRINCESS TARA ¾l 3rd of 12 to Glowing Ardour here (7f, good). Previously, beat Ellasiah a neck at Ascot (1m, good to firm). ABDICATE 13¾l 6th to Caroles Express at Epsom (7f, good). Previously, beat Sharp Circle 3l in a maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). CRYSTAL HEIGHTS beat Mulciber 1l in a graduation race at Brighton (7f, good).
Selection: REDDEN BURN

4.45 FOOD BROKERS - FISHERMAN'S FRIEND HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £4,152: 5f) (6 runners)

C4

1	(5)	003426	ZANDRIL 8 (D,F,G) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 9-7	G Duffield	● 99
2	(1)	05-0142	GLENFIELD GRETA 8 (D,F) (P Felgate) P Felgate 8-9	F Norton (5)	96
3	(4)	210-600	LAUNDE ABBEY 15 (D,F) (Miss M Carrington-Smith) C Britten 8-8	B Doyle (5)	95
4	(3)	3-51400	MERRYHILL MAID 38 (C,D,F,G) (D Cahal) J Harris 8-7	J Williams	98
5	(2)	0-20013	SPORTS POST LADY 8 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 8-2	N Adams	95
6	(6)	50-0006	IN A WHIRL 22 (B,F) (M Hill) N Callaghan 7-8	R Fox	89

BETTING: 7-4 Zandril, 5-2 Glenfield Greta, Sports Post Lady, 11-2 Merryhill Maid, 14-1 others.

1990: GUNS AND ROSES 8-12 A Munro (2-1 fav) W O'Gorman 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ZANDRIL 7l 6th to Crystal Jack at Chester (5f 16yd, good). Previously, head 2nd to Abu Hanifah over course and distance (good to soft), with IN A WHIRL (5lb better off) a never-dangerous 6½l 6th. GLENFIELD GRETA 1½l 2nd to Petitesse at Warwick (5f, firm), with SPORTS POST LADY (same terms) a short head 3rd. Previously, beat Set The Standards 6l at Carlisle (6f, firm) in May. LAUNDE ABBEY never-dangerous 11l 10th of 11 to Misdemeanours Girl at Sandown (5f, good to soft). MERRYHILL MAID 2l 4th of 13 to Arturian here on the Rowley Mile course (6f, good) in May. SPORTS POST LADY made all to beat Quiet Victory by a comfortable 1½l in a claimer at Lingfield (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: ZANDRIL

5.15 LIMEKILN NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,308: 7f) (6 runners)

1	(5)	53542	SONGSTER 17 (Mrs M Wettermark and Partners) John FitzGerald 9-7	R Hills	92
2	(2)	240	SALT WHISTLE 23 (R Bernard) R Hannon 9-4	S Cauthen	94
3	(6)	60412	NEDTEX 7 (G) (Shao Chang Su) M Tompkins 8-10	S Mulvey (7)	96
4	(3)	34401	JUBAL EARLY 7 (D,B) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 8-6	F Norton (5)	96
5	(1)	508	IN THE GAME 19 (A Sofroniou) Miss A Whitfield 8-2	N Adams	● 99
6	(4)	044	ROXY MUSIC 28 (D Macrae) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-13	D Harrison (7)	96

BETTING: 9-4 Jubal Early, 11-4 Nedtex, 4-1 Songster, 5-1 Salt Whistle, 6-1 In The Game, 8-1 Roxy Music.

1990: SIPSI FACH 7-7 R Price (5-1) M Bell 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
W Hern	26	102	25.5	S Cauthen	84	437	19.2
H Cecil	71	318	22.3	G Duffield	16	150	10.7
M Stoute	52	264	19.7	A Cruz	3	29	10.3
L Cumani	49	291	16.8				
J Wharton	6	36	16.7				
C Benstead	9	59	15.3			(Only qualifiers)	

(Not including last night's results)

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MANDARIN

2.15 Rose Glen. 2.45 Final Deed. 3.15 Power Take Off. 3.45 Reine De Thebes. 4.15 Modern Ballet. 4.45 Relentless Pursuit.

THUNDERER

2.15 Rose Glen. 2.45 Azureus. 3.15 Shoka. 3.45 Reine De Thebes. 4.15 Modern Ballet. 4.45 Sally Fay.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 SCOTS WHA'HAE HANDICAP

(Amateurs: £3,087: 1m 2f 192yd) (7)

1	4112	ROSE GLEN 14 (BF,DF,G,S) A Bailey 5-11-7	Sharron Murgatroyd 5
2	0404	MELANCOLIA 16 (D,G) J Pearce 5-10-11	Lydia Pearce 2
3	000-	KAWARAU QUEEN 270 (F) C Parker 4-10-8	D Parker 6
4	2351	BRIGADIER BILL 4 (C,S) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-8 (4ex)	Sally-Ann Elliot 7
5	4404	RUN MILADY 15 M Johnston 3-9-3	Maryanne Clarke 1
6	0000	JUST FOR KICKS 38 (S) J O'Neill 5-9-2	Nicky Craggs 4
7	0640	TURF DANCER 3 J S Wilson 4-8-13	Linda Perratt 3

3-1 Rose Glen, 7-2 Brigadier Bill, 5-1 Turf Dancer, 11-2 Run Milady, 8-1 Melancolia, 10-1 Kawarau Queen, 12-1 Just for Kicks.

2.45 GUILTREEHILL HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,339: 1m 2f) (9)

1	5206	AZUREUS 14 (C,F) J S Wilson 9-7	C Hodgson 2
2	5018	FINAL DEED 15 (B,BF,C,D,G) F Lee 9-4	R Lappin 9
3	2313	SLENDER 22 (V,G) Denys Smith 9-3	J Bleasdale 6
4	5056	QUALITAIR SOUND 9 J Bottomley 9-0	G Carter 4
5	1052	ALL GREEK TO ME 9 (G) C Thornton 8-13	N Connorton 1
6	48-8	TRAVEL MYTH 9 Mrs G Reveley 8-12	K Fallon 8
7	5413	EXECUTION ONLY 12 (V,G) J Watts 8-12	Dean McKeown 3
8	1000	IN TRUTH 12 (F,S) D Chapman 8-8	S Maloney (5) 5
9	1006	MASTER GLEN 14 (D,S) G Oldroyd 8-0	G Forster (7) 7

11-4 Execution Only, 3-1 Final Deed, 9-2 Slender, 5-1 Qualitair Sound, 8-1 Azureus, 10-1 All Greek to Me, 14-1 In Truth.

3.15 LAND OF BURNS FILLIES STAKES

(£5,968: 1m) (3 runners)

1	35-0	POWER TAKE OFF 53 (D,F,G) P Makin 5-9-0	Dean McKeown 2
2	3210	SHOKA 14 (G) B Hills 3-8-11	E Johnson 1
3	-130	SUMONDA 31 (D,F,S) G Wragg 3-8-9	G Carter 3

11-8 Shoka, 15-8 Sumonda, 2-1 Power Take Off.

3.45 KYLE AND CARRICK HANDICAP

(£2,975: 1m 5f) (5)

1	1422	AAHSAYLAD 5 (CD,F,G,S) F Lee 5-10-0	R Lappin 2
2	2511	BEAU QUEST 8 (V,F,G) R Woodhouse 4-9-5	K Fallon 5
3	0036	THOMAS LENG 4 (C,G,S) M Brittain 6-9-0	S Maloney (5) 4
4	5101	REINE DE THEBES 19 (F,S) M Tompkins 4-8-13	C Hodgson (5) 3
5	/215	SILK DEGREES 28 (BF,F,G) W Storey 5-7-10	G Carter 1

7-4 Aahsaylad, 2-1 Beau Quest, 5-1 Reine de Thebes, 6-1 Thomas Leng, 12-1 Silk Degrees.

4.15 EBF CAMBUSDOON MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,406: 7f) (8)

1		DIVE FOR COVER Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	Dean McKeown 5
2		IN NO DOUBT J O'Neill 9-0	N Connorton 6
3	6	MODERN BALLET 24 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	G Carter 1
4		MONBODDO J O'Neill 9-0	K Fallon 2
5	0405	O'DONNELL'S FOLLY 7 J S Wilson 9-0	— 7
6	0	PRINCE VAGABOND 28 J S Wilson 9-0	E Turner 8
7	00	SLANDERINTHESTRAND 22 Denys Smith 9-0	J Bleasdale 4
8	60	VAIGLY MASON 16 M H Easterby 9-0	S Maloney (5) 3

5-2 Modern Ballet, 3-1 Dive For Cover, 4-1 O'Donnell's Folly, 6-1 Vaigly Mason, 8-1 In No Doubt, 10-1 Prince Vagabond, 12-1 others.

4.45 AILSA CRAIG HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,171: 6f) (8)

1	4030	RELENTLESS PURSUIT 23 (D) P Chapple-Hyam 9-7	C Hodgson (5) 8
2	0321	STATE FLYER 2 (V,S) G Oldroyd 9-3 (7ex)	G Forster (7) 6
3	-225	HIGH PREMIUM 24 Mrs J Ramsden 8-13	Dean McKeown 4
4	2032	SALLY FAY 2 M H Easterby 8-10	K Fallon 7
5	6306	DREAM OF TOMORROW 26 (D,F) J Berry 8-7	G Carter 2
6	2345	KUMMEL KING 28 (BF,G) J Wilson 8-7	N Connorton 3
7	1025	MINIZEN MUSIC 4 (F) M Brittain 7-7	S Maloney (5) 5
8	005	C'EST MOI 24 D Chapman 7-7	M Hunt (7) 1

3-1 Dream Of Tomorrow, 4-1 Sally Fay, 9-2 Minizen Music, 5-1 Relentless Pursuit, 6-1 State Flyer, 8-1 Kummel King, 10-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 14 winners from 34 runners, 41.2%; Mrs J Ramsden, 16 from 51, 31.4%; G Wragg, 5 from 18, 27.8%; M H Easterby, 22 from 124, 17.7%; J Berry, 28 from 172, 16.3%; J Watts, 13 from 94, 13.8%.

JOCKEYS: G Carter, 6 winners from 36 rides, 16.7%; R Lappin, 7 from 45, 15.6%; N Connorton, 19 from 123, 15.4%; Dean McKeown, 16 from 127, 12.6% (Only qualifiers).

(Not including yesterday's results)

RIPON

MANDARIN

2.30 Flaming Arrow. 3.00 Restore. 3.30 Jalmusique. 4.00 Macrobian. 4.30 Corn Lily. 5.05 Mud Wrestling.

THUNDERER

2.30 Flaming Arrow. 3.00 Faynaz. 3.30 RED TOTO (nap). 4.00 Macrobian. 4.30 Smoke. 5.05 Joyful Thought.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.30 Flaming Arrow.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.30 TRYTON FOODS YORKSHIRE PUDDING MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,467: 1m 2f)

(10 runners)

1		BELLTON Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	M Wood 1
2		BOBBIE BOLD R O'Leary 9-0	M Birch 5
3	-005	BOLD ELECT 36 P Wigham 9-0	A Culhane 7
4	0-00	BYZANTINE 17 Miss S Hall 9-0	— 8
5	3	FLAMING ARROW 21 H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan 9
6	2326	INDIAN SLAVE 22 R Guest 9-0	J Weaver (7) 6
7	3444	SINCLAIR LAD 7 R Hollinshead 9-0	M Humphries (7) 2
8	6	CARMELINA'S SHADOW 84 P Calver 8-9	D Nicholls 3
9	56	KANANGA 16 J Watts 8-9	A Mercer 10
10	65	MOUNTAIN BLOOM 66 L Cumani 8-9	L Dettori 4

13-8 Mountain Bloom, 9-4 Flaming Arrow, 11-2 Kananga, 8-1 Indian Slave, 10-1 Sinclair Lad, 14-1 Bold Elect, 20-1 others.

3.00 HENRY BUTCHER SELLING STAKES

(£2,528: 6f) (14)

1	0000	EVER SO SHARP 21 (B,F,G) J Smith 8-8-7	S Turner (7) 14
2	0305	FAYNAZ 33 (F) W Muir 5-8-7	S Whitworth 12
3	0305	GLENCROFT 5 (F,G,S) D Chapman 7-8-7	S Wood 10
4	53-0	HANNAH'S BOY 51 (F) W Storey 5-8-7	S Webster 7
5	1045	RESTORE 30 (V,F,G,S) G Lewis 8-8-7	M Birch 8
6	5625	THE RIGHT TIME 4 (B,F,S) J Parkes 6-8-7	L Dettori 9
7	0066	TOPHAMS 16 Ronald Thompson 5-8-7	A Mackay 5
8	2606	CROSS MAGS 4 (F) T Barron 4-8-2	Alex Greaves 4
9	2-06	PLAY THE ACE 22 (F,S) P Felgate 3-8-1	N Day 11
10	-000	THORNY FLAT 4 (S) W Pearce 3-8-1	D Nicholls 3
11	0500	DAAZAM 23 (G) Ronald Thompson 3-8-10	R P Elliott 1
12	0032	DOMINIE STAR 42 R Whitaker 3-8-5	A Culhane 13
13	4000	DRUMMER'S DREAM 39 J Mackie 3-8-5	Paul Burke 2
14	6560	FOXES DIAMOND 5 J Hetherton 3-8-5	J Lowe 6

2-1 Restore, 7-2 Faynaz, 5-1 Dominie Star, 6-1 Cross Mags, 7-1 Play The Ace, 10-1 Glencroft, The Right Time, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 17 winners from 37 runners, 45.9%; A Stewart, 6 from 19, 31.6%; L Cumani, 9 from 33, 27.3%; J Berry, 18 from 94, 19.1%; J Mackie, 3 from 17, 17.6%; M Naughton, 7 from 63, 11.1%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 6 winners from 29 rides, 20.7%; W Ryan, 12 from 62, 19.4%; M Birch, 29 from 193, 15.0%. (Only qualifiers).

3.30 LEEDS CORN EXCHANGE SHOPS BELL-RINGER HANDICAP (£7,700: 1m 2f) (7)

1	-520	RED TOTO 31 (F) A Stewart 4-9-12	L Dettori 7
2	3411	JALMUSIQUE 11 (F) M H Easterby 5-9-11	M Birch 4
3	4410	SWIFT SWORD 21 (F) Mrs G Reveley 3-9-4	J Lowe 5
4	5463	TEMPERING 5 (F) D Chapman 5-7-8	S Wood 2
5	0221	YOUNG GEORGE 10 (F,G) M Dods 4-7-7	A Mackay 6
6	0-20	DAISY GIRL 14 (F,G) J Mackie 5-7-7	J Fanning (5) 3
7	5506	DOCTOR ROY 8 (F) N Bycroft 3-7-7	N Kennedy (5) 1

5-2 Red Toto, 3-1 Jalmusique, 9-2 Swift Sword, 6-1 Tempering, Young George, 8-1 Daisy Girl, 16-1 Doctor Roy.

4.00 GOLDEN GRAIN HANDICAP

(£3,620: 6f) (10)

1	0653	MACROBIAN 7 (F,G) M H Easterby 7-10-0	M Birch 7
2	104-	SHARP ANNE 284 (F,G) J Berry 4-9-3	S Giles (5) 2
3	0426	GONDO 7 (V,F) E Alston 4-9-0	L Dettori 8
4	4635	MISS EL ARAB 14 (F,G) E Alston 3-8-13	Amanda Neill (7) 4
5	4203	DRUM SERGEANT 12 J Parkes 4-8-4	W Ryan 6
6	500-	BALI SUNSET 274 (F,G) G Moore 5-8-1	A Mackay 1
7	2106	FILICAIA 12 (V,F,G) D Incisa 5-7-11	Kim Tinkler 10
8	0004	GODSCHARM 14 (F) M Brittain 3-7-10	D Wright (7) 3
9	6541	SOBERING THOUGHTS 15 (G) D Chapman 5-7-7	S Wood 5
10	/00/5	CHARLES DEVON LAD 3 Mrs P Barker 6-7-7	N Kennedy (5) 9

3-1 Macrobian, 9-2 Gondo, 13-2 Drum Sergeant, Sobering Thoughts, 8-1 Godscharm, 10-1 Filicaia, 12-1 others.

4.30 TRIMOCO VEHICLE LEASING HANDICAP (£3,313: 1m 4f 60yd (12)

1	521-	KINGSLEY 285 (F) M Johnston 4-10-0	S Turner (7) 2
2	0616	DUGGAN 10 (F,G) R Williams 4-9-13	G Mitchell (7) 6
3	03-2	OH DANNY BOY 14 (F,S) E Weymes 7-9-3	A Culhane 4
4	0-22	CORN LILY 7 (F,S) Mrs G Reveley 5-9-2	J Lowe 3
5	-000	PHOTO CALL 21 (F) (B) M Jarvis 4-8-10	L Dettori 11
6	3530	AMOOD POINT 26 (V) J Etherington 4-8-6	M Birch 1
7	0005	LODGING 14 (B) G Oldroyd 4-8-4	B McGiff 8
8	3542	QUIP 1 (F,G) M Naughton 6-8-3	J Fanning (7) 5
9	6124	SMOKE 14 (F) J Parkes 5-8-3	W Ryan 12
10	3400	MACCONACHIE 11 (B) T Barron 4-8-3	Alex Greaves 10
11	00-0	INDIVISIBLE 11 R Hollinshead 5-7-12	A Garth (7) 7
12	0000	AL BADETO 19 J Norton 4-7-10	N Kennedy (5) 9

11-4 Corn Lily, 4-1 Oh Danny Boy, 5-1 Quip, 6-1 Duggan, 7-1 Macconachie, 8-1 Photo Call, 12-1 Lodging, 16-1 others.

5.05 EBF BRADFORD MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,508: 6f) (11)

1	6	CHEQUERS 12 R Williams 9-0	W Ryan 1
2	036	ESSAYEFFSEE 29 M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 3
3		JEFFERSON DAVIS W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls 10
4	20	NICELY THANKS 7 T Barron 9-0	Alex Greaves 4
5	0	PAPA WESTRAY 7 T Barron 9-0	B McGiff 8
6	0	ROBSLAD 15 Mrs S Austin 9-0	Paul Burke 9
7	00	SONDERISE 7 N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler 7
8	0	WISE MOVE 16 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0	N Day 2
9	4	JOYFUL THOUGHT 21 Mrs J Cecil 8-9	A McGlone 5
10		LABYRINTH Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9	M Wood 6
11	4	MUD WRESTLING 18 L Cumani 8-9	L Dettori 11

7-4 Joyful Thought, 11-4 Mud Wrestling, 7-1 Wise Move, 8-1 Chequers, 12-1 Essayeffsee, 16-1 others.

LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN

6.00 Lanner. 6.25 Fort Hope. 6.50 Humster. 7.20 Highest Praise. 7.50 Silk Thread. 8.20 Peleng. 8.50 Murmuring.

THUNDERER

6.00 Lanner. 6.25 Fort Hope. 6.50 Coltrane. 7.20 Assignment. 7.50 Jewel Of The East. 8.20 Northern Conqueror. 8.50 Barbezieux.

GOING: (TURF) GOOD; (AW) STANDARD

DRAW: (TURF) 7F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST (AW) 6F-7F, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

6.00 GEORGE S WADDINGTON STAKES

(Apprentices: All-weather: £2,488: 7f) (8 runners)

1	5055	ABLE JET 12 (B,CD,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-6	D Biggs 1
2	1600	JUST A LOOK 109 (V,D) D Murray-Smith 3-9-6	A Tucker 4
3	021	LANNER 17 (D,F) B Hills 3-9-6	D Holland 3
4	0116	RISING TEMPO 16 (CD) C Cyzer 3-9-6	T McLaughlin (3) 7
5	/0-0	METRO LINER 5 R Akehurst 5-9-3	L Carter (5) 8
6	4012	ORBA GOLD 21 (E,BF,D) P Kelleway 3-9-1	A Bates (7) 2
7	0000	CARNEGIE DELI 26 J Bridger 4-8-12	Rachel Bridger (5) 5
8	6000	WILEYS FOLLY 46 S Dow 5-8-12	M Jermy (3) 6

4-6 Lanner, 11-2 Orba Gold, 6-1 Rising Tempo, 7-1 Able Jet, 10-1 Just A Look, 14-1 Metro Liner, 20-1 others.

6.25 LEWIS BROADBENT SELLING STAKES

(All-weather: 2-Y-O: £2,204: 6f) (7)

1	4301	FORT HOPE 8 (E,C,S) J Berry 9-4	T Quinn 1
2	00	ROOKERY PARK 49 J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11	T Williams 3
3	000	ABSCURE 17 M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	S Dawson 2
4	00	GOEWIN 8 M Usher 8-6	C Rutter 6
5	00	JAYLEE 47 T Naughton 8-6	B Rouse 5
6	0600	LOCAL GRIFFIN 14 C Cyzer 8-6	T McLaughlin (7) 4
7	06	NUDGE THE FUDGE 22 (B) D Murray-Smith 8-6	A Tucker (5) 7

1-4 Fort Hope, 8-1 Nudge The Fudge, 10-1 Local Griffin, 12-1 Rookery Park, Abscure, 20-1 others

6.50 SUNLEY HOLDINGS PLC MAIDEN STAKES (Turf: 3-Y-O: £2,366: 7f) (11)

1		COLTRANE Lord Huntingdon 9-0	M Roberts 8
2	0556	GREY ILLUSIONS 9 L Holt 9-0	B Rouse 2
3	02	HUMSTER 17 H Candy 9-0	C Rutter 6
4		IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN P Howling 9-0	T Quinn 1
5	3002	LUCKNAM DREAMER 17 Mrs B Waring 9-0	N Howe 3
6	5600	MILLSOLIN 24 A Davison 9-0	Candy Morris 5
7	06-	PARR 302 M Stoute 9-0	R Cochrane 9
8	5	PRINCE TINO 9 N Gaselee 9-0	Dale Gibson 4
9	0-26	AELLOPOUS 9 G Harwood 8-9	A Clark 7
10	50	FLYING BECKEE 9 W Carter 8-9	T Williams 11
11		MISS BRAFIELD R Simpson 8-9	A Tucker (5) 10

3-1 Parr, 4-1 Humster, 9-2 Coltrane, 5-1 Lucknam Dreamer, Aellopous, 10-1 Grey Illusions, Prince Tino, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 24 winners from 76 runners, 31.6%; M Stoute, 11 from 52, 21.2%, R Simpson, 4 from 19, 21.1%, B Hills, 9 from 45, 20.0%; D Murray Smith, 4 from 24, 16.7%; Mrs N Macauley, 6 from 45, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Cochrane, 17 winners from 110 rides, 15.5%; M Roberts, 19 from 136, 14.0%; S O'Gorman, 7 from 52, 13.5%; T Quinn, 21 from 178, 11.8%; M Hills, 6 from 54, 11.1%. (Only qualifiers)

7.20 HEINZ HANDICAP

(Turf: £4,077: 7f 140yd) (14)

1	4123	LANGTRY LADY 14 (F,S) M Ryan 5-10-0	R Cochrane 3
2	3100	ASSIGNMENT 70 (C,D,F) J Ffitch-Heyes 5-9-5	T Quinn 7
3	-050	MAKESHIFT 45 (D,F) A Lee 4-9-2	J Quinn 1
4	60-0	WESTERN WOLF 10 (D,F,S) W Carter 6-8-12	M Hills 5
5	-612	CAPE PIGEON 16 (CD,S) L Cottrell 6-8-11	D Holland (3) 10
6	5200	SUSANNA'S SECRET 66 (D,F) W Carter 4-8-9	T Williams 13
7	2520	SCOTONI 89 (C,F) R O'Sullivan 5-8-8	D Biggs (5) 11
8	3U-2	YANKEE FLYER 22 Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6	M Roberts 4
9	0000	FACE NORTH 15 (F) A Davison 3-8-3	S Whitworth 6
10	4106	SOLOMONS NEPHEW 10 (D,F) J Scargill 4-7-13	C Rutter 2
11	0253	HIGHEST PRAISE 7 (BF,D,F,S) D Morris 8-7-12	S O'Gorman (3) 9
12	1660	PROFIT A PRENDRE 9 (C,D,F,G,S) D Wilson 7-7-12	Dale Gibson 8
13	2124	CHARMED KNAVE 12 (BF,F,G) D Laing 6-7-7	S Dawson 12
14	2205	SERGEANT MERYLL 10 (CD,G,S) P Howling 7-7-7	— 14

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7-2 Cape Pigeon, 9-2 Langtry Lady, 5-1 Western Wolf, 7-1 Yankee Flyer, 8-1 Highest Praise, 10-1 Assignment, Scotoni, 12-1 others.

7.50 CORAL SIA HANDICAP

(All-weather: £2,950: 2m) (6)

1	6018	SPRINGS WELCOME 36 (C,F,G) C Cyzer 5-10-0	T Quinn 3
2	1551	ART FORM 8 (C,F,G) C Cyzer 4-9-12	T McLaughlin (7) 5
3	13	JEWEL OF THE EAST 103 (BF,S) M Bell 3-8-7	M Hills 4
4	6025	ON THE SAUCE 23 (V) M Haynes 4-8-3	T Williams 6
5	/051	SILK THREAD 7 (G,S) J Pearce 8-7-12	F Norton (5) 2
6	2300	RIYADH LIGHTS 9 M Usher 6-7-7	J Quinn 1

9-4 Art Form, 5-2 Jewel Of The East, 4-1 Silk Thread, 6-1 Springs Welcome, 8-1 On The Sauce, 10-1 Riyadh Lights.

8.20 TOYOTA SIA HANDICAP

(All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,976: 1m 2f) (7)

1	0141	PELENG 21 (E,C) P Kelleway 9-7	A Bates (5) 2
2	4-30	MARA ASKARI 38 (BF) G Harwood 9-2	R Cochrane 7
3	1416	NORTHERN CONQUEROR 28 (D,F,G) T Naughton 8-13	D Holland (3) 1
4	00-3	WESTERN ACE 52 J Eustace 8-9	M Tebbutt 4
5	0045	OVERATIM 15 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-7	D Biggs (5) 5
6	-050	PANIC RISING 12 C Cyzer 8-7	T McLaughlin (7) 3
7	3403	AMIGOS 22 P Mitchell 8-3	S O'Gorman (3) 6

2-1 Northern Conqueror, 5-2 Mara Askari, 7-2 Peleng, 7-1 Western Ace, 10-1 Amigos, 16-1 Overatim, Panic Rising.

8.50 SWETTENHAM STUD HANDICAP

(Turf: £2,386: 5f) (10)

1	0000	L'ETE 15 (D,G) P Mitchell 3-10-0	S O'Gorman (3) 8
2	3220	FRIMLEY PARKSON 3 (D,F,G) P Howling 7-9-11	R Cochrane 1
3	6420	FLYING PROMISE 16 (BF) R Bennett 3-9-9	J Curant 5
4	4006	PENDOR DANCER 10 (B,D,F,G) W Carter 8-9-6	T Williams 4
5	2232	FACTUELLE 35 (BF,D,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-6	M Roberts 10
6	8214	BARBEZIEUX 11 (B,D,F,S) T Naughton 4-9-2	D Holland (3) 3
7	0442	MURMURING 8 (V,C) S Dow 5-8-13	Paul Eddery 6
8	000	IMCO DOUBLE 21 E Eldin 3-8-10	M Tebbutt 9
9	0-34	FONTAINE LADY 21 (F) T Thomson Jones 4-8-5	S Whitworth 2
10	-500	HENRY WILLIAM 38 Pat Mitchell 6-8-2	J Quinn 7

7-2 Frimley Parkson, 5-1 Barbezieux, 11-2 Factuelle, 7-1 Murmuring, Fontaine Lady, 8-1 Flying Promise, 10-1 Pendor Dancer, 14-1 L'Ete.

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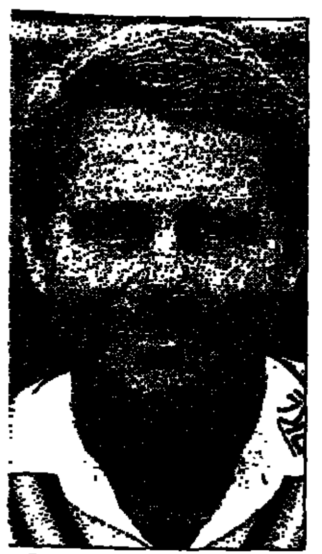
Smith could solve selectors' dilemma


Smith: the perfect choice

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

A WEEK ago, it all seemed so simple. The England team for the fourth Test against West Indies could be finalised by a spot of tinkering and one case of compassionate leave. Not any more.

When they sit down this evening, Graham Gooch, the captain, Ted Dexter, the chairman of selectors, and Micky Stewart, the team manager, will now be confronted by a minefield of evidence. How they choose to pick their way through it before announcing their decision tomorrow is a matter of public speculation and, I suspect, unusual agonising by those concerned.

The defeat at Trent Bridge made batting changes inevitable, but the need for experience, the desire for a settled side and Gooch's natural conservatism made it equally certain that there would be few. The favourite permutation saw Hugh Morris brought in to open, Michael Atherton dropping to No. 3 and Graeme Hick being returned to county cricket to rediscover his confidence.

The three men involved could hardly have done more, in a short space of time, to alter the odds. Morris bagged a pair against Ambrose before making six on a wet pitch at Cheltenham yesterday; Atherton is short of form, fitness and, perhaps, self-belief; Hick is swimming in runs again.

Putting Hick's week in perspective will be the selectors' priority. They may consider that 88 in a one-day game — albeit a cup final — and 141 against an attack that has failed to win Hampshire a match all season, do not constitute a case for retention. To pick him, they must believe he will now be positive enough in thought and action to master the diet of short-pitched bowling that the West Indies will continue to force-feed him.

Hick, however, has sought and absorbed the advice of men he trusts, such as Basil D'Oliveira, and at Portsmouth on Wednesday he looked a man who has been to purgatory and come out the other side. It will require a shift in thinking but he should have the opportunity to translate runs at mundane level into confidence on high.

Atherton looks to be in need of a break. He battled back commendably from a poor start in Australia but is once more showing the symptoms of a player with no conviction to go through with his strokes. As he is plainly not free of a niggling stomach condition, this should be the time to rest him for a winter in which he is sure to have an important role.

This leaves the dilemma of who will go in first with Gooch. The selectors may consider at least four candidates, three of them with the advantage of being left-handed. It is the one right-hander, Chris Smith, who might be the perfect choice. He is not only in magnificent form but is utterly expendable, having decided that this is to be his final season.

That decision, however, reflects his ambitions, and he not only missed Hampshire's shop-window game against the West Indians, but also is not playing in the game against Warwickshire, whose attack is as good a gauge of form as any. All of this will persuade the selectors that he is not keen to revive his Test career. Benson and Darren Bicknell are possibilities but, despite his calamitous week, it would be inconsistent to overlook Morris now.

Lamb is likely to survive on seniority rather than on any other virtue, but his place may be under threat from his old friend, David Gower. Another of their generation, Ian Botham, will also demand discussion, although Stewart was sufficiently dismayed by his bowling this week to make a recall unlikely.

Botham could do a job at No. 7 if Gooch was prepared to bowl himself more. If that option is not taken up, then on Edgbaston's seaming pitch it would make sense to play an attack without either Malcolm or Lawrence — whose pace might, however, be used in tandem at the Oval — and play Munton, on his home ground, to nag away with Pringle and DeFreitas. The most attacking bowler should then be the spinner — hence, not before time, Tufnell instead of Illingworth.

Robinson speeds up after the crawl

By RICHARD STREETON

GUILDFORD (first day of three; Surrey won toss): Yorkshire have scored 256 for eight wickets against Surrey

NOTHING the Yorkshire team could manage here yesterday approached the significance of events in Leeds, where the club signed its first overseas player. On their first visit to this small ground, Yorkshire barely averaged two runs an over for two-thirds of the day in a colourless display.

A slow pitch of low and uneven bounce, and a thickly grassed outfield, did not help.

By lunch they were 52 for one from 36 overs, Moxon being 23 not out from 106 balls. He quickened his personal run-rate later but Yorkshire's first bonus point did not come until the 76th over. Robinson, by then showing much needed initiative, hit Medlycott for three sixes early in the final period and the second batting point came in the 95th over.

Meanwhile, Yorkshire's players welcome McDermott's acquisition wholeheartedly. Yesterday's pattern, though, suggested that Yorkshire will not regain former glories overnight.

Waqar Younis seemed tired, though he found a splendid yorker to bowl Blakey during the fourth of five spells. He also bowled Kellett and had figures of two for 54 in 28 overs before he limped off with a stiff back.

Murphy and Feltham bowled tidily but Medlycott's control remains a mixture. He did get some turn, however, something that Yorkshire, who included two spinners, will have noted.

Yorkshire made a poor start when Metcalfe mistimed a stroke off his legs and was caught at short mid-wicket. Moxon and Byas added 89 in 45 overs before Byas lifted a catch to cover. Moxon was out two balls after Blakey in the 68th over when he pulled a long hop to short mid-wicket.

The rest was mostly Robinson as his partners came and went. He was eighth out, bowled by Feltham by one that kept low. Robinson's 74 came from 127 balls and included three sixes and eight fours.

CRICKET

Glamorgan prosper as Maynard goes on the offensive

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

CHELTENHAM (first day of three; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs behind Glamorgan

HALF an hour into this match, David Lawrence was wreaking such havoc on a wet pitch that the Glamorgan innings seemed unlikely to stagger past lunch. That it survived until tea, with a potentially winning total, was due almost entirely to one of the finest counter-attacking hundreds this season has seen.

Matthew Maynard is a talent still prohibited to the England selectors and, on yesterday's evidence, the loss is as much theirs as his. Maynard's fourth century of the year was heavily seasoned with boundaries, but at no stage could he be accused of the impulsive immaturity which has for so long been the rider to his ability.

Glamorgan, who lost three wickets in Lawrence's first four overs, hit rock-bottom at 57 for five. Later, they were to lose their remaining five wickets for 44 but, between times, Maynard and Robert Croft put on 146 at close to five runs an over, a stand ended only by a contentious run-out decision against Croft.

True, Gloucestershire bowled some third-rate overs when it mattered, but this should not detract from their partnership. Long before stumps, the gifted Croft was turning the odd ball sharply, the seamers were still making it misbehave, and Gloucestershire, whose four wins so far have been one of the surprises of the season, are not best placed for a fifth.

Cheltenham has not always been the bowler's friend in recent years, the first match of last year's festival producing totals of 451 for six and 574, and yesterday's carnage owed nothing to pitch preparation. Half-an-inch of rain on Thursday morning found its way under the covers and the game only began at all after several hours' operations by industrial driers.

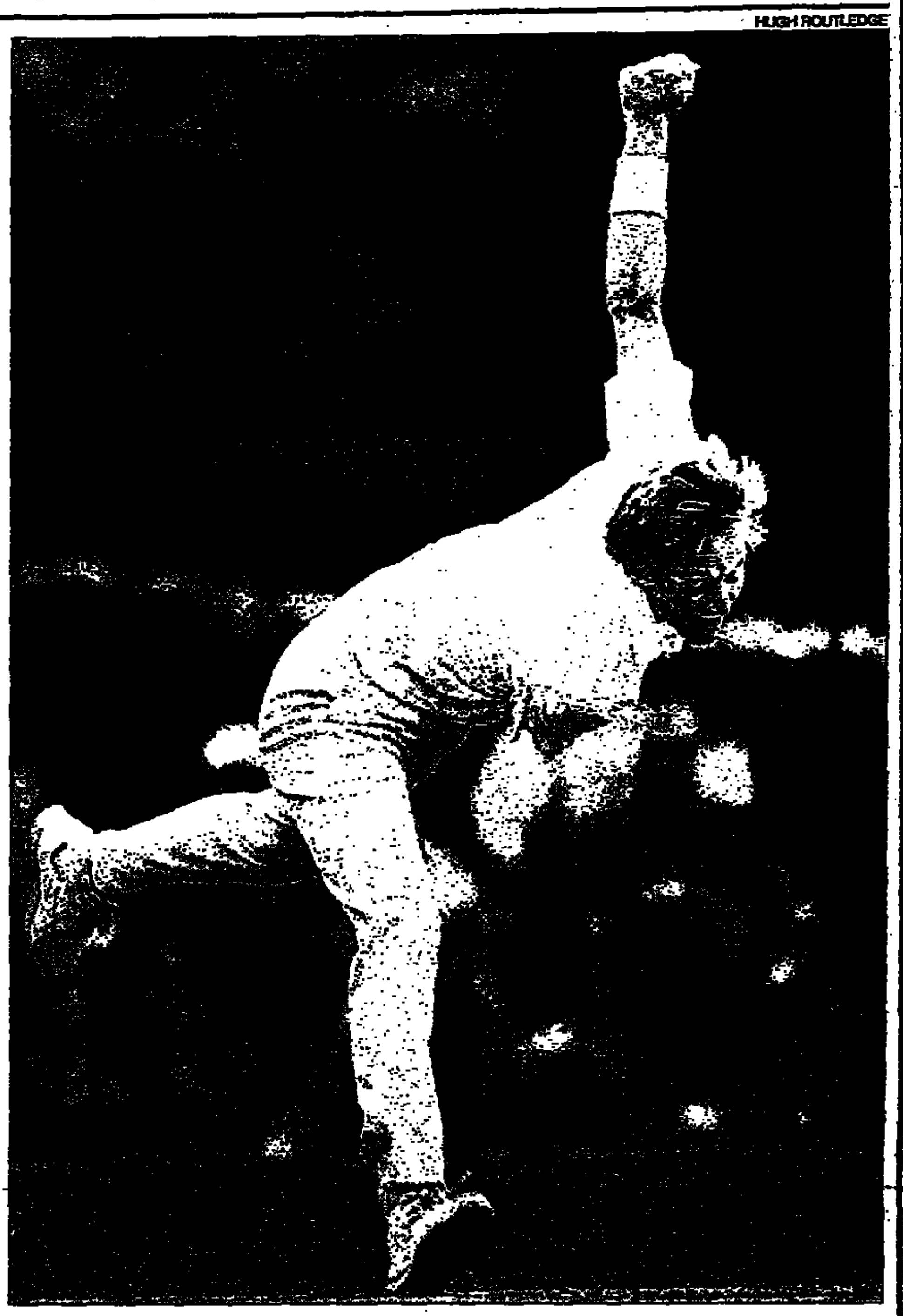
It was always going to be a bad toss to lose, and Hugh Morris has had such a miserable week that he had no need to check with his captain; he just buckled on his pads and went out to face Lawrence. Butcher's penance for calling wrongly was to be out third ball, caught off the splice at short leg, and after Dale nudged to leg gully, Morris was beaten off one of the wet patches and given a ponderous leg-before death by umpire Wight.

Morris began this week as a near-certainty to become the first Glamorgan batsman to win a Test cap since Maynard. He has ended it with no such security, but has retained his sense of humour. He told yesterday of supping a solitary pint after his second nought of the week against Ambrose. An elderly supporter approached with a consoling arm around the shoulder. "It could be worse, Hugh," he said. "You might be playing rugby for Wales in Australia."

Lawrence's subsequent spells were not so impressive and, whenever he dropped short, Maynard pulled with certainty. He hit 23 fours and a six in his 129, made in just three hours, and averages 63 for the season.

Gloucestershire lost two men without scoring and three more between 52 and 60. Help remained for the medium-pacers but it was Athey's dismissal, caught off his glove as the ball bounced and spun for Croft, that confirmed this game might not have a full shelf-life.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE


Opening salvo: Donald unleashes a speedy delivery at Portsmouth yesterday

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Nothants v Notts

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL *(first day of three; Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 209 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham b Stephenson	12
N A Felton c Pollard b Pick	0
R J Bailey c Robinson b Pick	57
*A J Lamb lbw b Evans	33
D J Capel c Johnson b Evans	0
K M Curran b Stephenson	18
E A E Baptiste b Stephenson	80
R G Williams b Stephenson	12
†D Ripley b Pick	8
N G B Cook not out	15
J P Taylor lbw b Stephenson	4
Extras (b 1, lb 12, nb 1)	14
Total (88.4 overs)	253

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-12, 3-56, 4-60, 5-90, 6-155, 7-181, 8-219, 9-249.

BOWLING: Stephenson 22.4-7-61-5; Pick 24-6-74-3; Evans 21-5-65-2; Afford 8-2-19-0; Crawley 8-3-15-0; Hemmings 3-0-6-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard not out	27
M A Crawley retired hurt	0
*R T Robinson not out	15
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (no wkt, 15 overs)	44

P Johnson, D W Randall, K P Evans, F D Stephenson, †B N French, E E Hemmings, R A Pick and J A Afford to bat.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3, Nottinghamshire 4.

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

Essex v Somerset

SOUTHEND *(first day of three; Somerset won toss): Essex have scored 413 for six wickets against Somerset*

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c and b Hallett	79
J P Stephenson run out	70
P J Prichard b Hallett	0
Salim Malik c Tavaré b Lefebvre	102
N Hussain c Hallett b MacLeay	88
†M A Garnham b MacLeay	14
D R Pringle not out	25
T D Topley not out	16
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 2, nb 4)	19
Total (6 wkts)	413

Score after 100 overs: 331-3.

S J W Andrew, J H Childs and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-140, 2-146, 3-171, 4-351, 5-357, 6-380.

SOMERSET: S J Cook, P M Roebuck, A N Hayhurst, *C J Tavaré, R J Harden, K H MacLeay, †N D Burns, R P Lefebvre, D Beal, H R J Trump and J C Hallett.

Bonus points: Essex 4, Somerset 1.

Umpires: K E Palmer and J D Bond.

Surrey v Yorks

GUILDFORD *(first day of three; Surrey won toss): Yorkshire have scored 256 for eight wickets against Surrey*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon c Alikhan b Medlycott	73
A A Metcalfe c Medlycott b Feltham	6
D Byas c Bicknell b Feltham	33
†R J Blakey b Waqar	11
P E Robinson b Feltham	74
S A Kellett b Waqar	6
C S Pickles b Murphy	1
P Carrick c Bicknell b Medlycott	18
P J Hartley not out	14
J D Batty not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 10)	20
Total (8 wkts)	256

Score after 100 overs: 217-7.

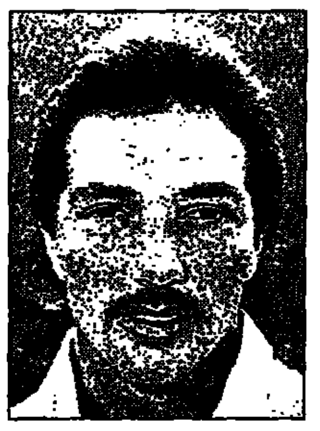
S D Fletcher to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-106, 3-135, 4-135, 5-164, 6-170, 7-208, 8-253.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, R I Alikhan, *A J Stewart, D M Ward, G P Thorpe, M A Lynch, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, †N F Sargeant, Waqar Younis and J J Murphy.

Bonus points: Surrey 3, Yorkshire 2.

Umpires: G O Oslear and R A White.


Maynard: rapid century

Worcs v Derbyshire

KIDDERMINSTER *(first day of three; Derbyshire won toss): Worcestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 372 runs behind Derbyshire*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett lbw b Botham	80
P D Bowler c Hick b Lampitt	2
J E Morris b Illingworth	97
M Azharuddin c Rhodes b Newport	25
T J G O'Gorman c Radford b Illingworth	78
S C Goldsmith c and b Illingworth	10
†K M Krikken c Lampitt b Newport	32
D G Cork st Rhodes b Illingworth	15
A E Warner c Botham b Illingworth	15
D E Malcolm c Rhodes b Radford	0
O H Mortensen not out	0
Extras (lb 9, w 1, nb 8)	18
Total	372

Score after 100 overs: 362-7.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-122, 3-180, 4-222, 5-263, 6-327, 7-339, 8-362, 9-362.

BOWLING: Radford 18-5-61-1; Lampitt 13-1-82-1; Newport 19-3-80-2; Botham 22-3-76-1; Illingworth 33.3-10-64-5.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis not out	0
G J Lord not out	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	0

G A Hick, T M Moody, *P A Neale, I T Botham, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, P J Newport, S R Lampitt and N V Radford to bat.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Derbyshire 4.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater.

Gloucs v Glamorgan

CHELTENHAM *(first day of three; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs behind Glamorgan*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher c Hodgson b Lawrence	0
H Morris lbw b Lawrence	6
A Dale c Scott b Lawrence	4
M P Maynard c Russell b Lloyds	129
R J Shastri c Wright b Smith	22
P A Cottey lbw b Smith	0
R D B Croft run out	44
†C P Metson c Lawrence b Lloyds	5
S L Watkin c Russell b Lawrence	15
S R Barwick c Russell b Lloyds	12
M Frost not out	0
Extras (lb 6, w 3, nb 1)	10
Total (66 overs)	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-10, 3-13, 4-57, 5-57, 6-203, 7-213, 8-233, 9-245.

BOWLING: Lawrence 18-3-62-4; Gilbert 14-6-37-0; Smith 15-2-58-2; Scott 4-0-32-0; Lloyds 9-4-27-3; Alleyne 6-0-27-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Shastri b Frost	29
R J Scott lbw b Frost	0
*A J Wright lbw b Watkin	0
C W J Athey c Maynard b Croft	21
M W Alleyne c Dale b Croft	2
P W Romaines c Dale b Watkin	28
†R C Russell c Metson b Watkin	21
J W Lloyds not out	4
D V Lawrence not out	6
Extras (lb 3)	3
Total (7 wkts, 44 overs)	114

D R Gilbert and A M Smith to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-7, 3-52, 4-52, 5-61, 6-91, 7-108.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 4, Glamorgan 5.

Sussex v Leics

HOVE *(first day of three; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 313 for four wickets against Leicestershire*

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham not out	183
D M Smith c Benson b Lewis	3
*P W G Parker c Willey b Lewis	33
A P Wells c Benson b Lewis	12
M P Speight c Smith b Maguire	64
C M Wells not out	12
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (4 wkts, 97 overs)	313

A I C Dodemaide, †P Moores, B T P Donelan, I D K Salisbury and A N Jones to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-74, 3-100, 4-289.

LEICESTERSHIRE: P N Hepworth, *N E Briers, J J Whitaker, C C Lewis, L Potter, B F Smith, J D R Benson, P Willey, †P Whitticase, L Tennant and J N Maguire.

Bonus points: Sussex 4, Leicestershire 1.

Umpires: B Hassan and K J Lyons.

Middlesex v Lancs

UXBRIDGE *(first day of three; Middlesex won toss): Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 193 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

M A Roseberry lbw b Wasim	63
J C Pooley c Watkinson b Wasim	5
M R Ramprakash c Fairbrother b Martin	5
K R Brown c Hegg b Martin	2
M Keech b Wasim	35
*M W Gatting b Yates	41
J E Emburey b Wasim	4
†P Farbrace c Mendis b Hughes	42
N F Williams lbw b Wasim	0
P C R Tufnell not out	24
N G Cowans c Mendis b Hughes	6
Extras (b 7, lb 7, nb 9)	23
Total (76.2 overs)	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-15, 3-19, 4-79, 5-136, 6-151, 7-174, 8-176, 9-242.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 22-4-63-5; Martin 22-5-65-2; Watkinson 9-0-41-0; Yates 20-8-60-1; Hughes 3.2-1-7-2.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis not out	41
G Fowler b Cowans	2
M A Atherton not out	9
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (1 wkt, 30 overs)	57

N H Fairbrother, N J Speak, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, †W K Hegg, *D P Hughes, P J Martin and G Yates to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-18.

Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Lancashire 4.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R C Tolchard.

Hants v Warwicks

PORTSMOUTH *(first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Warwickshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs behind Hampshire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry lbw b Reeve	124
*M C J Nicholas lbw b Small	0
K D James c Reeve b Munton	7
R A Smith c Asif Din b Munton	19
D I Gower c Piper b Donald	43
J R Ayling not out	42
†A N Aymes c and b Reeve	7
R J Maru c Ratcliffe b Reeve	2
C A Connor c Ratcliffe b Reeve	4
K J Shine c Piper b Small	1
Aqib Javed c Ostler b Small	0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 5)	16
Total (86 overs)	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-21, 3-67, 4-128, 5-254, 6-256, 7-258, 8-263, 9-263.

BOWLING: Donald 13.5-1-41-1; Small 17.1-4-45-3; Munton 22-3-80-2; Reeve 22-7-46-4; Smith 8-0-36-0; Asif Din 3-1-8-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Shine	1
J D Ratcliffe not out	45
*T A Lloyd lbw b Aqib	11
D P Ostler not out	11
Extras (b 1, lb 2, nb 3)	6
Total (2 wkts, 21 overs)	74

D A Reeve, Asif Din, P A Smith, †K J Piper, G C Small, T A Munton and A A Donald to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-29.

Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicester: Surrey 279-7 dec (C K Bullen 111 not out, N M Kendrick 78) and 206-3 (M A Butcher 102, A W Smith 77 not out); Leicestershire 201 (J D Benson 96, D Martyn 75) and 122 (Kendrick 6-45). Surrey won by 162 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Trowbridge: Wiltshire 110 and 377-2 dec (L K Smith 200 not out, D R Turner 103 not out, S Perrin 53); Cheshire 225-2 dec and 246-6 (I Cockbain 120, J Gray 57; N Prigent 4-83). Match drawn. Fenner's: Durham 153-3 dec and 264-6 (P Burn 81, G Brown 55, P Bainbridge 53); Cambridgeshire 151-4 dec and 179-8 (R P Merriman 54). Match drawn. Ipswich: Cumberland 207-5 dec (S M Dutton 88) and 87-0; Suffolk 203-7 dec (M J Peck 70, S M Clements 58). Sidmouth: Buckinghamshire 162 (S Sheaman 72; G W White 5-48) and 259-7 (M J Roberts 111; White 5-113); Devon 187-6 dec (A J Pugh 53; S Burrow 4-36) and 129-7 (N A Folland 60; Burrow 5-46). Match drawn. Ipswich: Cumberland 207-5 [illegible]

WEEKEND FIXTURES

TODAY

Tour match

11.0, 90 overs minimum

CANTERBURY: Kent v West Indians.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.

GUILDFORD: Surrey v Yorkshire.

HOVE: Sussex v Leicestershire.

KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Warwickshire

SOUTHEND: Essex v Somerset.

UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Lancashire.

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire.

TOMORROW

Tour match

11.0, 90 overs minimum

CANTERBURY: Kent v West Indians.

Refuge Assurance League

2.0, 40 overs

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan

THE OVAL: Surrey v Yorkshire

HOVE: Sussex v Leicestershire.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Warwickshire.

SOUTHEND: Essex v Somerset.

WELLINGBOROUGH SCHOOL: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire (1.05).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Christ Church (Oxford): Oxfordshire v Shropshire. Instow: Devon v Wiltshire. Millom: Cumberland v Cambridgeshire. Sherborne School: Dorset v Wales. Stone: Staffordshire v Lincolnshire.

Gatting's cameo cut short

By IVO TENNANT

UXBRIDGE (first day of three: Middlesex won toss): Lancashire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 193 runs behind Middlesex

FOR Middlesex, batting is indeed an arduous business at the moment. Last year, on their way to the championship, they would probably have made a total in excess of 400 here. Yesterday, even against a county who have had such a dreadful week as Lancashire, they scraped together 250.

If there were discernible reasons for this other than lack of form, and some life in the pitch before lunch, they were not evident. Lancashire were without DeFreitas and anything in the way of confidence, yet finished the day well placed.

Having opted to bat on a pitch that was both dry and worn Middlesex were soon 19 for three. Ramprakash was one to be beaten by the extra bounce that Martin found, as was Brown. For a while, Roseberry and Keech fared more successfully and they put on 60 in 16 overs, needing a little luck to do so.

When Keech was bowled not offering a shot, Gatting emerged, still suffering from a heavy cold, and returned after being bowled attempting a reverse sweep. In between he was distinct from his colleagues in making batting appear a straightforward matter. He made 41 off 41 balls, in marked contrast to Roseberry, whose 63 took three-and-a-half hours.

Wasim Akram finished with five wickets for the fifth time in seven innings and although Fowler soon played on to Cowans when Lancashire batted, Mendis and Atherton were watchful in the extreme.

Atherton has proved his fitness to the England committee; now he needs to find some form.

The case rests for Test hopefuls

By JACK BAILEY

PORTSMOUTH (first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Warwickshire, with eight wickets in hand, are 191 runs behind Hampshire

THE speculators were out in force. Munton and Small were alleged to be in the frame for selection for the Edgbaston Test; on a more local footing, the leading run-scorer of the season, Chris Smith, was out of the Hampshire team. Was the birth of a daughter to his wife in the early hours of yesterday morning anything to do with it? It was soon confirmed that *couvade* was not involved. Smith was being rested in any case.

As for Munton and Small, both bowled pretty well on a typically true but not unhelpful pitch, but without startling success. Munton was unfortunate to concede many of the 80 runs against his name at the end of the day. Many of them were the result of involuntary strokes and, having dropped Terry, the day's century-maker off Reeve in the slips, he was, likewise, ill done by when Terry offered a second chance, this time off Munton's bowling when he had made 36.

Munton's case remains unproven. So for that matter does Small's. He took a wicket with his second ball when he had Nicholas leg-before, retired to the pavilion for a while with a twinge in the upper thigh and came back to demolish a couple of tailenders. But, somewhat ironically, the chief damage had already been done by another under the eye of England's selectors, but not mentioned by the speculators. For Reeve had instigated the collapse of Hampshire's innings, taking three wickets in as many overs and starting a slide which saw the last six Hampshire wickets go for 11 runs inside seven overs.

The first of Reeve's victims in this spell was Terry, who, during an innings lasting over five hours, had shared partnerships of 61 with Gower (of which Gower made 43) and 106, unfinished, with Ayling, before the all-rounder took his eye off a short ball from Donald and retired with a bruised forearm.

Thanks to Terry, Hampshire's collapse still left them with something to bowl at — and when Shine, very much the flavour of the week down here, and Aqib removed Moles and Lloyd, they had recouped at least some of their losses; and once more the stage is set for Reeve.

Morris and Hussain show their vintage

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

JOHN Morris and Nasser Hussain, rejected England batsmen of recent vintage whose time may come again, both provided reminders of their quality yesterday.

Morris passed 1,000 runs for the season during an innings of 97 from 155 balls for Derbyshire, who scored 372 against **Worcestershire** at Kidderminster. Illingworth was the best Worcestershire bowler. Having previously taken only three championship wickets this season, he returned five for 64 to improve his chances of retaining his England place.

Hussain made 88 in a fourth-wicket partnership of 180 with Salim Malik, who made his fifth century of the season, as **Essex** took heavy toll of a labouring **Somerset** attack at Southend. Gooch, who made 79 before going off to help pick the Test side, was no doubt well pleased with a total of 413 for six.

The highest individual score of the day was made by Neil Lenham, responsible for 183 not out, a career-best, of **Sussex's** 313 for four against the bottom club, **Leicestershire**, at Hove.

Two West Indian all-rounders shared the honours at Wellingborough. Baptiste made 80, his highest for the county, to lead a **Northamptonshire** recovery while Stephenson took five for 61 for **Nottinghamshire**.

☐ Victoria, the Sheffield Shield champions, will play Durham in a one-day match on September 16 and a three-day match starting the following day, to help the Australian side prepare for their Britannic Assurance challenge match against the county champions.

YACHTING

Chamosa leads Oracle 50ft race

By BARRY PICKTHALL

A WEEK after Vibes, American Admiral's Cup yacht, carried off the One Ton world championship in Belgium, her 50ft team-mate, Champosa, underlined the strength of this year's American challenge for the Champagne Mumm series by leading the Oracle 50ft regatta after the opening two races in Christchurch Bay yesterday.

The Oracle regatta, which gets into full swing today with races for the One and Two Ton Cup fleets, is giving crews a final tune-up before the all-important Admiral's Cup series starting from Cowes on August 1.

Champosa, skippered by John Kostecki, scored a first and a fifth in this highly competitive fleet where a good placing in one race is no guarantee in the next.

The American and his Il Moro America's Cup crew lead the 50ft world series from Juno V, Britain's Admiral's cupper, but their second placing in yesterday's opener was countered by a tenth in the second.

Juno, skippered by Mike McIntyre, suffered even worse, scoring a ninth and fourth in the 18-20 knots winds to end the day flying a protest flag midway down the fleet.

RESULTS: First race. 1, Champosa V (M Mollis, US); 2, Abracadabra (P Cayard, It); 3, Fujimo (J Schoelski, US); 4, Will (E Warden Owen, Japan); 5, Pro-Motion (B Dolk, Neth). Second race: 1, Tuborg (B Andersen, Den); 2, Windquest (J Thomson, US); 3, Corum Saphir (P Mas, Fr); 4, Juno (M McIntyre, GB); 5, Champosa. Overall (after two races): 1, Champosa; 2, Corum; 3, Will; 4, Abracadabra.

☐ Britain's Admiral's yacht, Wings of Oracle, has been forced to undergo a further crew change after Ed Danby strained an arm muscle. His position has been taken by Paul Standbridge.

☐ Kim Furness and Sara Powell won the Saab Dart 18ft catamaran world championship at Abersoch yesterday after scoring an eleventh and eighteenth among the 300-strong fleet in the closing races of the series. Gareth Owen and Steve Cotterell came second after winning the last race by 2sec from the French crew, Thierry and Christian Wibaux.

RESULTS: Race 5: 1, K Emelianov and S Miasnikov (USSR); 2, P Lewer and H Close (GB); 3, P Bartlett and N Shepherd (GB); 4, D Peponnet and C Cabaneau (Fr); 5, M Huber and H Baumann (Ger). Race 6: 1, G Owen and S Cottrell (GB); 2, T Wibaux and C Wibaux (Fr); 3, D Pool and E Pool (Neth); 4, K Emelianov and S Miasnikov (USSR); 5, P Bartlett and N Shepherd (GB). Overall (subject to final confirmation): 1, K Furness and S Powell (GB); 2, G Owen and S Cottrell (GB); 3, D Peponnet and C Cabaneau (Fr); 4, P Bartlett and N Shepherd (GB).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Buffalo in shape for Wembley

From RICHARD WETHERELL
IN FREDONIA, NEW YORK

MARV Levy, head coach of the Buffalo Bills who make their first visit to Wembley next week can understand why some National Football League (NFL) teams such as the New York Giants and the Cincinnati Bengals regard a trip to England for the American Bowl as a distraction in their preparation for the real thing. "It takes you away from a normal routine that you like and coaches are very hidebound in wanting to do the same thing," he said.

However, he acknowledges the advantage of such an upheaval, moving more than 3,000 miles from their base in Fredonia, 45 minutes drive from Buffalo. "For our players it might be a welcome break from training camp." It also gives the Bills an extra pre-season game.

Their opponents on July 28 in the sixth American Bowl are the Philadelphia Eagles, who make their second appearance in three years and are starting afresh with a new head coach in Rick Kotite. The Bills will be hoping to go one step further than last season.

Despite winning a club record 13 games and scoring an NFL record 95 points in two play-off games they came up short for the ultimate prize, but only just. The Super Bowl against the Giants was ultimately decided by a 47 yard field goal attempt by Scott Norwood with the score 19-20 with eight second remaining.

Norwood missed and immediately became part of that sporting history set aside for infamous misses that include Doug Sanders in golf and Neil Fox in Rugby League.

Both Levy, citing Norwood's phlegmatic attitude, and Norwood himself say they have put "that kick" behind them. But the kicker will have to do something spectacular to really lay the bogey.

Weltklasse winner

MR John Adams is the winner of the *The Times* competition offering a visit for two people, as the guests of Parcelforce, to the Weltklasse Games athletics meeting in Zurich on August 7.

Mr Adams, who lives at Edenhurst Road, Birmingham, and a friend will fly to Zurich on August 6, spend two nights at a Zurich hotel, watch the Weltklasse Games, one of the highlights of the athletics season, and return to London on August 8.

The answers were: 1, Colin Jackson (110m hurdles); 2, Four (Patrick Boden, Jan Zelezny, and Steve Backley, twice); 3, Merlene Ottey; 4, Men's 200m and women's shot; 5, Tom McKean.

FOOTBALL

FA could be left in the cold by clubs

By Peter Ball

THE Football Association, which instigated a breakaway Premier League, is in increasing danger of being left out of the final equation.

At their meeting at Leicester City yesterday, the second-division clubs said they had been sufficiently encouraged by their initial meeting with first-division clubs. They decided to adjourn until August 6, to allow for further discussions between the two divisions to take place.

They were unable to decide on a suspension of the pending court cases between the FA and the Football League, which begin before the Queen's Bench on Monday. But there is an increasing possibility that while attention is focused on the two bodies which are locked head to head, the clubs themselves will decide the issue.

The FA's position is already tenuous after the signing on Wednesday of the founder members' agreement by 16 of the 22 breakaway clubs. Although the document begins by paying lip service to the role of the FA, its concrete proposals in section 2 dismiss any serious role for the association.

Three clauses are conclusive. The first two proclaim that "the Premier League must have constitutional independence with its own rule book", and that "the Premier League must have commercial independence".

Allied to a further clause rejecting any form of management committee for the League, these requirements are totally at odds with the FA control envisaged in the association's own blueprint. That made the FA chairman also chairman of the League, and had the League's commercial *director responsible to the* FA's chief executive. Effectively, if any link remains after that, it will preserve the FA's face, but nothing else.

It may have little option but to accept, however, although Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, told the breakaway clubs on Wednesday that the FA "was not awfully keen on the prospect of an autonomous league".

Ironically, the Football League, for so long the outsider, is in rather better shape. The 71 clubs heard yesterday that as well as retaining three up and three down with the rump of the Football League, the Premier League advocates also wished to continue to enter the Rumbelows Cup, and were interested in discussing the merit of having the new league still administered from Lytham. *Plus ca change?*

☐ The sale of Derby County is expected to be completed within the next 24 hours. Stuart Webb has accepted the position of joint deputy chairman in an unpaid capacity after being paid a consultancy fee as managing director.

"The consortium is in place and agreement has more or less been reached with Robert Maxwell," Webb said. Brian Fearn will be made chairman, and the property developer, Peter Gadsby, will join Webb as a deputy chairman. Joining the board of directors is David Cox, another local property developer, along with the Derby manager, Arthur Cox, who is the first manager in the club's history to be made a director.

☐ Ian Baird, the Middlesbrough forward, has joined Heart of Midlothian for £350,000.

☐ Tottenham have called off home league fixtures against Crystal Palace and Liverpool on August 21 and September 4 to accommodate their European *Cup Winners' Cup* preliminary games with Sparkasse Stockerau.

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

Tennis medal secured

JEFFREY Hunter produced the best win of his career when he beat the No. 1 seed, Eui-Jong Chang, to guarantee Britain a second medal in the tennis tournament of the World Student Games (Mark Herbert writes). His victory in the men's singles, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, in two hours yesterday, took him into the semi-finals, where he faces an Italian, Francesco Michelotti, today.

Having never won a men's tennis medal in Games' history, Britain is now guaranteed two in successive days, Hunter teaming up with Mark Loosemore in the medal round of the men's doubles. This is not quite Wimbledon: while Hunter was mobbed by jubilant supporters, the top seed was left to trudge away alone in defeat. But the style in which the unranked Briton disposed of the world No. 305 suggests that his talents could succeed on a wider stage.

Hunter played magnificently in the first and third sets; the second, in which he lost concentration, his first service and four games in a row, was better forgotten.

Elsewhere, the news for the home nation became gloomier when the women's hockey team lost 2-1 to Canada, severely damaging its hopes of reaching the next stage.

RESULTS

VOLLEYBALL: Men: Group B: Germany 2, Japan 1. Pool C: Poland bt Australia, 3-0. Pool D: Italy bt Soviet Union, 3-2; France bt Mexico, 3-0; Algeria bt France, 3-0; Italy bt Mexico 3-1. Women: Second stage: Pool E (places 1-8): Japan bt Italy, 3-1; Soviet Union bt Turkey, 3-1. Group F (places 1-8): Romania bt France, 3-0; United States bt Switzerland, 3-1. Pool G (places 9-16): Israel bt Hong Kong, 3-0; Spain bt Mexico, 3-0. Group H (places 9-16): Bulgaria bt Britain, 3-0; Czechoslovakia bt Canada, 3-0.

FENCING: Men: Foil: Final: D Shevchenko (USSR) bt A Puccini (It), 2-1. Third: L Vitalesta (It) bt G Ogmanian (USSR), 2-1. Epée: Final: P Kolobkov (USSR) bt M Randazzo (It), 2-1. Third: R Le Roux (Fr) bt W Gadomski (Pol), 2-1.

TENNIS: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: A Pozzi (It) bt V Patel (US), 7-6, 6-4; X Jai-Ping (China) bt M Varda (Rom), 6-4, 6-4; J Hunter (GB) bt Eui-Jong Chang (Kor), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; F Michelotti (It) bt Ham-Chul Shim (Kor), 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: R Hiraki (Japan) bt A Da Gioani (Fr), 6-1 6-3; R Bielsa (Sp) bt J Souto (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; M Endo (Japan) bt E-M Boutellier (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; Il-Soon Kim (Kor) bt E-M Schurhoff (Ger), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: Hiraki (Japan) bt Il-Soon Kim, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5; Endo bt Bielsa, 6-1, 6-1. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: C Villar and R Bielsa (Sp) bt J Routledge and A Niepel (GB), 6-3, 6-2; Xia Jia-Ping and Li Fang (China) bt C Marty and M Schumacher (Switz), 6-0, 6-0; B Hanson and S Gilchrist (US) bt E Jong Chang and Il-Soon Kim (Kor), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Men's doubles: Quarter-finals: J Hunter and M Loosemore (GB) bt T Sato and T Mori (Japan), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; E Jong Chang and J Seong Ho (Kor) bt G Wilson and A Batle (NZ), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; M Varda and A Damien (Rom) bt F Michelotti and R Pozzi (It), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; B Suhendar and S Wibowo (Indo) bt F Galton and E Lasso (Mex), 6-4, 6-2.

HOCKEY: Men: Group A: France 4, Poland 0; Great Britain 4, Italy 2. Group B: Spain 5, Japan 0. Women: Group A: Netherlands 4, Japan 1; Great Britain 1, Canada 2. Group B: Korea 3, United States 0; Australia 2, Ireland 0.

GYMNASTICS: Winners: Men: Artistic all-round: Final: Wang Zong Sheng (China), 57.30pts. British: 13, J May, 56.00; 25, M Bone, 54.110; 33, K Abraham, 50.90. Women: Individual all-round: Final: E Sazonenkova (USSR), 39.160. Rhythmic all-round: Giong Hui Li (N Kor), 38.850 pts. British: 10, A Sands and J Walker, 32.150. Artistic all-round final: E Sazonenkova (USSR), 39.160pts. British: 18, J Prescott, 36.925; 20, R Odam, 36.000. Individual apparatus: Winners: Men: Floor: M Racanelli (US), 9.725. Pommel horse: Hua Dong Huang (China), 9.725. Rings: Myong Su Sin (N Kor), 9.762. Vault: Hong Chun Yeo (S Kor), 9.781. Women: Vault: K Sao (Japan), 9.837. British: 5, J Prescott, 9.287. Asymmetric bars: Choi *Gyong Hui (N Kor)*, 9.875. Beam: Choi Gyong Hui (N Kor), 9.862.

BASKETBALL: Men: Group A: Nigeria 73, Mexico 96; Nigeria 104, Hong Kong 60; Turkey 91, Mexico 77. Group B: Israel 93, Japan 67; Czechoslovakia 106, Finland 80. Group C: Soviet Union 98, Sweden 82. Group D: Spain 85, Hungary 42; Korea 104, Hungary 102. Women: Group A: Spain 100, Britain 34. Group C: China 93, Soviet Union 88. Group D: Czechoslovakia 49, Canada 77; Sweden 74, Taipei 88. Group E (places 1-8): Spain 87, Czechoslovakia 84; China 93, Hungary 79; Czechoslovakia 76, Hungary 49. Group F (places 1-8): United States 105, Soviet Union 80; Canada 78, Romania 47. Group G (places 9-16): Germany 122, Great Britain 58; Sweden 98, Ireland 45. Group H (places 9-16): Guam 24, Mexico 149; Japan 90, Taipei 73; Japan 94, Mexico 65; Chinese Taipei 130, Guam 40.

WATER POLO: Pool A: China 10, Romania 8; United States 11, Turkey 5. Pool B: Czechoslovakia 10, Germany 8.

DIVING: 1m springboard: Final: 1, Lan Wei (China), 377.64pts; 2, D Panaro (US), 376.32; 3, S McCormack (Aus), 334.85; 4, Chen Shaoliang (China), 324.54.

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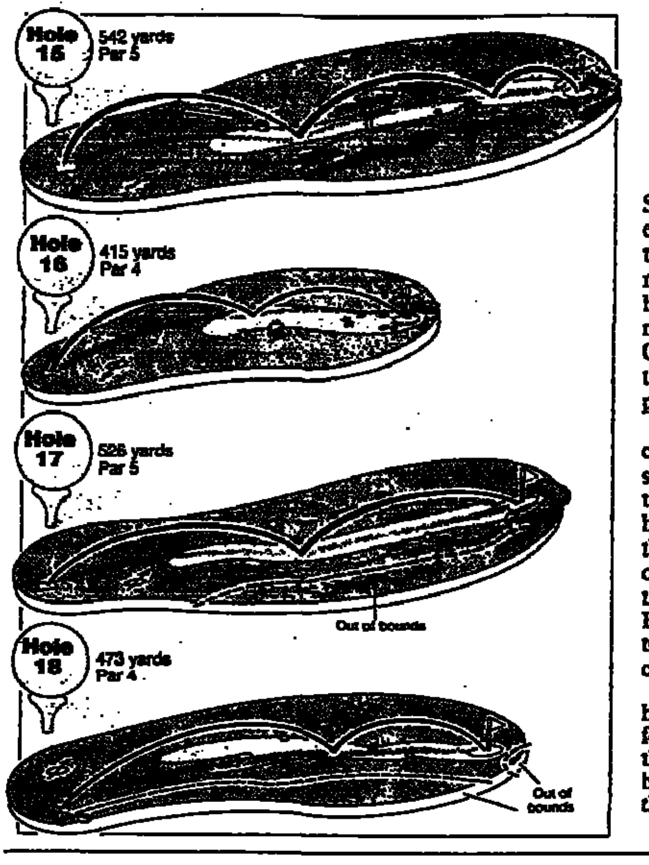

Four holes to decide the Open

By Mitchell Platts
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros informed readers of *The Times* this week in his guide to the Royal Birkdale course that he regarded the 6th as probably the toughest hole on the course. But he shares with most the opinion that, as the Open Championship reaches its climax over the weekend, the last four holes will prove decisive.

The Spaniard, three times the Open champion, argues that whatever the situation it is not sensible to gamble at the 15th. He insists that the 16th is the hardest hole on the inward half and that the 17th offers an obvious birdie opportunity. The 18th? "It is an extremely strong hole to finish," Ballesteros said. "I can tell you it is going to be difficult to make a four to be champion. But I would like the chance."

In fact Ballesteros would appear to have little difficulty, albeit much respect, for the 18th, judged on his experiences in the opening two rounds. But he does have an ambivalent relationship with the *three preceding holes*.

This is how he has fared so far.

HOLE 15 (542 yards, par 5):
Ballesteros played safe from the tee in the first round on Thursday with a two iron but pulled his next with a four iron into rough which he had not realised was so thick in that area. He hit a poor third with an eight iron, missing the green, played a running pitch with a seven iron which "ran and ran" 25 feet past and two putted, eventually holing from four feet. "It took a long time, eh," he said ruefully.

He managed a par yesterday, although it was still a scramble. This time he hit a one iron into the bunker which he had taken out of play by using a two iron in the first round. Out in two, he again missed the green but this time chipped down to five feet from where he holed.

HOLE 16 (415 yards, par 4):
Ballesteros made it look easy in the first round. His drive, straight and true, left him with a two iron with which he put the ball 12 feet from the cup, although the putt went begging. In the second round yesterday it was another story. He drove right into a thicket, 40 yards from the plaque commemorating *Arnold Palmer's recovery shot which* was the key to his winning the 1961 Open, took a penalty drop, hit a four iron to the fringe and two putted. Such an excursion could prove critical on Sunday.

HOLE 17 (526 yards, par 5):
Where Ballesteros waved his magic wand on Thursday and where he missed out yesterday. A 375-yard drive left him only a nine iron to the green. He struck it to four feet and sank the putt for an eagle. It transformed his round. He wanted another yesterday; he walked away with a par. His drive, between the two large sandhills, left him between clubs, he elected to hit a hard eight iron but pulled it into a bunker. Close to the face, he put tremendous back spin on the ball to get to within 18 feet and two putted. It was still like dropping a shot.

HOLE 18 (473 yards, par 4):
This is where Ballesteros would give anything tomorrow to replay the events of Thursday. Then he hit four iron, taking the bunker on the right out of play, and a seven iron to 38 feet and holed for a birdie. If he needs a four to win then he would be equally satisfied with the way he played the hole *yesterday when, on in two, he two-putted* for his four.

IAN STEWART

Sand shot: Nicklaus splashes out of a greenside bunker at the 18th hole during yesterday's second round of 75

Lyle at the point of no return

By Patricia Davies

SANDY Lyle, the champion in 1985, missed the cut at Royal Birkdale yesterday, the first time it has happened to him in an Open since 1983, when he was eliminated after the third round. There was no messing about it either, no anxious hanging around wondering whether he might sneak in, for his card had the dreaded letters NR on it. No return.

Shock, horror, drama. Almost in tears after an opening 79 composed of what he called "the most disgusting golf, the worst I've ever played", Lyle had obviously blown up altogether. It was not, however, quite like that.

Standing on the 18th tee, the sad Scot, who has not won a tournament of any kind since winning five, including the Masters, in 1988, was 11 over par for the Championship, but a respectable two over for the round. He decided to be gung-ho at the last.

"I gambled on taking the driver," he said, "thinking I might hit it far enough to hit a wedge in, which I might even hole, to go out in a blaze of glory." He went out of bounds instead, only he did not discover that fact until he had tramped all the way down the hill from the tee. It was the moment of the no return.

"There was no point in going back and hitting another ball and holding up the course," Lyle said, and his decision met with the approval of Graeme Simmers, the chairman of the Championship committee. "It was the sensible thing to do," Simmers said, expressing a certain sympathy for Lyle, who has been desperately clawing his way up from the depths, only to have the golfing gods slam their spiked feet on his scrabbling fingers.

He had, in fact, played quite well and, with luck, could have been three under par after five holes on a damp, blustery morning. Fact and luck go their separate ways as far as Lyle's golf is concerned at the moment, however.

Birdies at the 15th and 17th did not alter Yolande Lyle's decision to do the packing and prepare their red BMW for a quick exit from Birkdale. Having spent part of the night tickling her husband's toes (to try and relieve the head cold that kept him awake until three in the morning), she did not go to the course to watch him. She kept in touch by telephoning the club for progress reports, and it proved a depressing business, only too familiar to the wife of a man whose three competitive rounds before yesterday had been a total of 23 over par.

Just what is the cure for this particular out-of-form sportsman? After NR, should it be TLC or KUB for AWB? Tender Loving Care or a Kick Up the Backside for Alexander Walter Barr Lyle? Answers on a postcard, please, with putting tips included.

Adoring public doffs its hat to cute Ballesteros

DAVID MILLER

MOST of us, if we wore two hats to go to work, would look a bit foolish, however hard it was raining. Severiano Ballesteros did it yesterday, and everybody thought it was so *funny*. When you are gifted with charm, not to mention talent, instead of mere perspiration, you can do almost anything and people think it cute.

Ballesteros is simultaneously so brilliant and erratic that the public loves him even more when he is in dire trouble than when he hits a par-five green in two. Yesterday, in the sort of summer weather that makes the British fly the Atlantic for escape, Ballesteros visited all parts of the Southport dunes and still came up the 18th to a hero's welcome.

The first six holes, starting at eight in the morning, were played in such horrid conditions that a round of three over par, for a 139 two-day total, was creditable for anyone. You could understand a Mediterranean man wanting to keep his head warm: the second hat, Bill and Ben style, keeping the first one in place.

The day's first eleven holes on the scoreboard had included four bogeys, two double bogeys and a triple bogey; so a stroke dropped by Ballesteros at the 1st, 2nd and 6th was hardly disreputable. "A bad start," he admitted, "but not a disaster . . . I don't like to be leading a tournament early. My position is where I want to be." Now there's psychoanalysis-by-convenience for you.

To add insult to discomfort, when Ballesteros was in midswing in a bunker on his second shot of the morning, a pushchair occupant howled. Ballesteros gave his grieving spaniel look; and was still wearing it when he three-putted the 2nd, misjudging the drag of fresh rain.

At the 6th he was off the fairway, and left his second shot off the front of the green with some 80 feet uphill to the flag. He chipped ten feet short, and putted two feet past. The Mediterranean temperament was holding firm. At the 7th, he gave himself mock applause when off-line and a foot short from 12 feet.

Like Faldo the day before, he hit a glorious approach to the 9th, was hugely cheered, and holed from three feet for a birdie. Yet there was no rhythm there, though the weather was easing: off the green at the 10th, and again at the 11th, his putt teetering into the hole.

At the short 12th, lucky to bounce off a high 45 bank thick with vetch and low bramble, and back onto the green, he missed a birdie by an inch or so, and ate a banana in consolation.

The 16th was pure Ballesteros carnival. His first drive was into a thicket, his second, provisional, shot off the tee was in a bunker. He found the first: deep in a rosebush and now surrounded by 100 followers and two ineffectual policemen, plus a rules marshal initially not quite sure of the rules.

"I have three options," Ballesteros suggested to him. "I try the unplayable ball, I drop two club lengths away, I go back to tee. Which you want?" The Spanish accent adds to the public mirth.

Five minutes are then spent clearing the crowd. "I see bushes, trouble, photographers, people," Ballesteros said afterwards, "everything except the green. And when I get in trouble, the public like to be familiar with it. I don't think I want to go back there again. It was a great five." Indeed it was, dropping one shot when it might have been three. How they cheered when his four-iron off the pathway settled on the fringe of the green.

Frustration as Faldo falters

By John Hennessy

ALAS, poor Nick, I knew him well. Certainly the Faldo we saw at Royal Birkdale yesterday was only a ghost of the man who strode the fairways of St Andrews so majestically last year, to say nothing of those of Augusta three months earlier.

He played one brilliant hole, the 11th, where he followed his fine tee shot with a splendid six-iron to ten feet and, wonder of wonders, holed the putt. There was one other birdie, at the 7th, but at 156 yards that hole is more vulnerable than most.

Faldo also played the long 17th, downwind, superbly, but the eagle putt from ten feet eluded him. Faldo was afterwards inclined to blame his putter, perhaps with some reason because he missed from five feet or less four times.

But his whole game was so little under control that there could hardly have been a club in his bag which obeyed his bidding. It was a round of utter frustration, manifested in slumped shoulders, furried brows and irritated gesticulations.

The rot set in at the 1st, when he took five in spite of a tee shot drilled into position A. The green was wide open to him, with a generous pin position, but he was at least 40 feet wide with his five-iron and took three putts.

He had to retreat twice from his four-foot putt for par at the 2nd because of crowd disturbances behind him and, predictably, failed. There was a third putt at the 5th and a weak putt at the 6th which took him to four over for the day.

He turned in that position and, uninspired by that three at the 11th, he surrendered two more shots at the short 12th, burying his four-iron into a bush and finally taking three putts yet again. But to go on would be an intrusion into private grief.

Faldo finished on 75. You have to go back to the third round at Turnberry in 1986 to find an occasion when Faldo last took more than 71 in the Open. On that occasion the weather was frightful. Yesterday, for those, like Faldo, lucky enough to play in the afternoon, it was as balmy as you are ever likely to get at Royal Birkdale.

It is remarkable that in spite of such commonplace golf and such a commonplace score, Faldo still has a chance of retaining his title.

Perhaps he can exorcise the ghost today.

Nicklaus finds it a struggle

By Mel Webb

JACK Nicklaus claimed happily after his first round of this Championship that he had miraculously found his best form for months. It did not take him long to lose it.

Nicklaus, Open champion three times, was in a buoyant mood after his 70 on Thursday. The tempo, he said, was back for the first time in ages. Yesterday he must have wondered where it had all gone as he wove an erratic course through the sandhills of Birkdale and finished with a 75.

In less than 24 hours the stately two-step had turned into something that looked suspiciously at times like the last waltz.

The British golfing public love Nicklaus, and their affection has grown with every passing year. That must have been obvious to the great man yesterday; he would certainly have liked to have given them more grounds for applause.

Sadly, it was not to be. Frailties that were never present even five years ago have crept in. The standard he expects from himself is as high as it have ever been; it is only his ability to play to it that, frustratingly, is missing.

The only facet of his game which, on the evidence of this day, remains unimpaired, is his ability to retrieve apparently lost situations around the green. He saved himself three times, at the 9th, the 13th and 14th. Each time delicious little stabbing chips enabled him to get up and down, fragile putting and all.

The only time his short game deserted him was on the 2nd, where he thinned a chip from 40 yards and sent the ball scuttling to the back of the green. It was the sort of stroke you might expect of a rabbit, not a Golden Bear.

The result was a dropped shot, the first bogey of six. The second came on the short 4th, the third on the 6th. Each time he missed from eight feet.

He bogeyed the 16th, too, where he took three eternities to three-putt. Maybe he was put off by some fool who yelled "Come on, Jack, son!" as he strode up the fairway. The perpetrator of the awful deed was not a day over 19. It was a wonder he was not set upon.

Nicklaus got his first birdie of the round at the vulnerable 17th, and immediately gave the shot back at the last.

It was not a day for Nicklaus, or his adoring public. He says he might not be back after this year; the Open Championship will not be the same without him.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

SINGAPORE: International tournament: Quarter-finals (Indonesia unless stated): Men's singles: B Supianto bt L Tiong Ping, 15-9, 15-2; E Kurniawan bt S Kookasemkij, 13-15, 15-13, 15-10; F Permadi bt Chen Rong (China), 15-1, 15-4; F Kok Keong (Malaysia) bt H Susanto, 18-15, 15-6. Women's singles: H Hua (China) bt D Julien (Can), 11-1, 10-12, 11-4; B Soo-Hyun (S Kor) bt C Bengtsson (Swe), 8-11, 11-4, 11-5; Z Lai (China) bt J Kartika, 11-6, 11-1; L Heung-Soon (S Kor) bt S Jaroensin (Thai), 11-2, 11-3.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 10, New York Mets 5.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle Mariners 12, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Minnesota Twins 11, Boston Red Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 5, Baltimore Orioles 1; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Texas Rangers 0; New York Yankees 3, Oakland A's 2; California Angels 5, Cleveland Indians 4.

ROWING

NOTTINGHAM: National championships finals: Junior 14 quad sculls: 1, King's Chester, 3 min 40.42 sec; 2, St George's, 3:47.86; 3, Windsor Boys, 3:55.05. Junior 14 double sculls: 1, Claires Court, 4:24.45; 2, Reading Blue Coat, 4:34.45; 3, RGS Worcester, 4:55.62. Women's junior 14 quad sculls: 1, Queen Elizabeth HS, 4:09.29; 2, Henley, 4:17.28; 3, Lady Eleanor Holles, 4:26.65. Women's junior 14 double sculls: 1, Kingston, 4:21.59; 2, Northwich, 4:29.42; 3, Peterborough City, 4:41.79. Women's junior 14 single sculls: 1, E Lloyd (Lady Eleanor Holles), 4:48.62; 2, C Marshall (Staines), 4:55.58; 3, S Watts (Nottingham Boat Club), 5:00.20.
DOGGETT'S COAT AND BADGE (London Bridge to Chelsea Pier): 1, L Leicho (Sevenoaks); 2, A Argent (Gravesend); 3, P Williams (Rayleigh)

SHOOTING

BISLEY: King George V Cup: English county championship (300, 500 and 600yds teams of eight): 1, Surrey (1,163); 2, Devon (1,154); 3, Hampshire (1,136). Astor county championship (300, 500 and 600yds): 1, OGRE (Notts), 592; 2, Twickenham (Middx), 591/198; 3, Radlett (Herts), 591/197. United Hospitals Cup (300, 500 and 600yds): United Newcastle, 391. Public Schools Veterans' Trophy (A teams): Old Victorians, 248. Dulwich Cup (veteran teams): Old Epsomians, 244. Wingfield Cup (C teams): Old Epsomians, 240. Lucas Cup (Ashburton and veterans aggregate): Epsom, 751. Veterans' individual: B Harrigan (Old Emmanuel), 50.9. Veterans' Aggregate Cup: Old Epsomians, 729. Cadets national match: Channel Islands, 785. Humphry Cup: 1, Cambridge, 790; 2, Oxford, 780. Champion of Champions Trophy: 1, R Comins (Huddersfield), 144; 2, J Thompson (Central Bankers), 143.
BISLEY RIFLE MEETING: Any Rifle Trophy (1,200 yards): 1, J Hakim (Old Epsomians), 97; 2, J Powell (Sussex), 94 (5.5.); 3, H Butcher (North London), 94 (4.5.). Century Cup (600 yards): 1, J Paton (Canada), 50.7; 2, C Higginbottom (MCRC), 50.6; 3, B Talman (Old Johnians), 50.5.

SNOOKER

WAREGEM, Belgium: Canal Plus European challenge: Final: J White bt S Davis, 4-1.
BANGALORE: World under-21 championship: Final: R O'Sullivan (GB) leads P Delsemme (Bel), 4-3. Frame scores (O'Sullivan first): 38-82, 24-68, 64-28, 83-22, 88-51, 69-28, 49-46.

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR: East Asian Championships: Men: Final: Faheem Khan (Pak) bt P Hill (Sing), 8-6, 9-5, 9-2, 9-1.

GOLF

IPSWICH: English county championship finals (Women): Cheshire 7½, Nottinghamshire 1½ (Cheshire names first): Foursomes: L Dermott and J Morley lost to J Collingham and K Whitehead 7 and 5. F Brown and E Ratcliffe bt J Barry and L Irvine 3 and 2. C White and G Williams halved with M Elwood and K Horberry. Singles: Brown bt Collingham 3 and 1. Ratcliffe bt Whitehead 2 and 1. B Laird bt L Broughton 4 and 2. White bt Elwood one up. J Bell bt Horberry 5 and 4. Williams bt Irvine one up. Glamorgan 5, Hampshire 4 (Hampshire names first). Foursomes: C Quinn and K Smith bt A Pritchard and V Thomas 2 and 1. C Stirling and H Wheeler lost to J Foster and A Parham, two down. K Egford and L McCombe bt K Baird and L Isherwood, 2 and 1. Singles: A McDonald lost to Thomas 6 and 5. Wheeler lost to Foster 4 and 2. Quinn bt Parham 3 and 2. Stirling lost to S Mountford 4 and 3. Egford bt Baird 6 and 5. McCombe lost to Isherwood one down. Final result: 1, Glamorgan; 2, Cheshire; 3, Hampshire; 4, Nottinghamshire.

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee: Men's tournament: First-round leaders (all US): 61: M Dawson. 63: T Schulz, B Lowery, L Jensen. 64: L Ten Broeck, R Stewart, H Taylor, J Gallagher, G Ladehoff, H Twitty, G Gilbert. 65: L Clements, J Daly. 66: M Smith, G Koch, M Adcock, S Skinner, L Rinker, J McGovern.

BOXING

CARDIFF: Welsh featherweight championship (10 rnds): Steve Robinson (Cardiff) bt Peter Harris (Swansea), pts. Feather (6 rnds): J Williams (Pontypool) bt B Barton (Swansea), pts. Super-feather (8 rnds): R Smyth (Newport) drew with B Kelly (Llanelli). Light-welter (6 rnds): J Matthews (Bargoed) bt C Hook (Swansea), pts. Welter (6 rnds): M Smyth (Rhoose) bt M Morrison (Llanelli), rsc 2nd.

Stich: in Stuttgart semis

TENNIS

STUTTGART: *Mercedes Cup: Men's singles:* Second round: G Forget (Fr) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6. Third round: G Prpic (Yug) bt E Jelen (Ger), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt A Gómez (Ec), 6-3, 6-3; C Pioline (Fr) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-3; R Krajicek (Neth) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 7-6, 6-2; L Koslowski (Ger) bt Forget, 7-6, 7-6; G Lopez (Sp) bt H Agenor (Haiti), 6-2, 6-3. Quarter-finals: Stich bt Krajicek, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; Koslowski bt Prpic, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5; Clavet bt Pioline, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; Mancini bt Lopez, 6-3, 6-3.
WASHINGTON CLASSIC: Third round: J Carlsson (Swe) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 7-6, 7-6. R Reneberg (US) bt G Stafford (SA), 7-6, 6-0; J Yzaga (Peru) bt M Washington (US), 6-4, 6-4; M Zoecke (Ger) bt J Arias (US), 6-3, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-3, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt D Rostagno (US), 6-1, 6-3; A Agassi (US) bt C Adams (US), 6-2, 6-2; L Herrera (Mex) bt J McEnroe (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's Classic: Second round: K Rinaldi (US) bt L Raymond (US), 6-3, 6-4; A Keller (US) bt T Morton (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; M Seles (Yug) bt bt A Leand (US), 6-0, 6-2. Quarter-finals: P Louie-Harper (US) bt A Frazier (US), 6-3, 7-5.
SAN MARINO: Women's tournament: Third round: R Reggi (It) bt S Dallar (Austria), 7-6, 6-1. Quarter-finals: Reggi bt S Farina, (It), 6-2, 7-5; K Piccolini (It) bt E Maniokova, (USSR), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; D Szabova (Cz) bt C Cunningham, (US), 6-2, 6-3; E Pampoulova (Bul) bt S Hack, (Ger), 2-6, 1-2, ret.

KITZBÜHEL: Austrian Open: Women's tournament: First round: M Maruska (Austria) bt C Singer (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; B Paulus (Austria) bt C Salvi (It), 6-3, 6-4; H Kelesi (Can) bt N van Lottum (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; F Labat (Arg) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-0, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt H Sprung (Austria), 6-3, 7-6; S Cecchini (It) bt A Nohacova (Cz), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; I Cueto (Ger) bt A Blumberga (USSR), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Second round: Maruska bt B Schultz (Neth), 6-4, 6-4; Wiesner bt K Kschwendt (Lux), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; *N Jagerman (Neth) bt Paulus* 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-1; Labat bt Kelesi 7-5, 6-4; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt P Thoren (Fin), 7-6, 7-6; Cecchini bt P Ritter (Austria), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; E Svigierova (Cz) bt I Cueto (Ger), 2-0, ret.
NEWCASTLE: Northern Electric ATP Challenger: Second round: K Kinnear (US) bt D Rikl (Cz), 7-5, 6-7, 6-2. Quarter-finals (delayed by rain).
NOTTINGHAM: Federation Cup: Preliminary event: First Round: Greece 2, Ireland 1; Malta 3, Trinidad 0. Chinese Taipei 3, Dominican Republic 0; Portugal 3, Bahamas 0; Denmark 3, Sri Lanka 0; Mexico 3, Malaysia 0; Chile 2, Philippines 1; Paraguay 3, Jamaica 0; Poland 3, Kenya 0; Uruguay 3, Turkey 0; Cuba 3, India 0; Romania 2, Thailand 1; China PR 2, Norway 1, Luxembourg 3, Bolivia 0; Venezuela 3, Hong Kong 0; Israel 2, Korea 1.
DAVIS CUP: Asia/Oceania zone: Group two: Semi-finals: Taiwan lead Pakistan, 2-0; Hong Kong lead Sri Lanka, 1-0. African zone. Group two. Semi-final (in Nairobi). Kenya and Nigeria level at 1-1.

VOLLEYBALL

SUWON, South Korea, World League: Group B: South Korea 0, Italy 3.

YACHTING

LYMINGTON: Oracle IOR regatta: Class A: 1, Eendracht (Neth), 2, Iskra (Pol); 3, Dar Mlodziezy (Pol). Class AII: 1, Asgard II (Ire); 2, Royalist (GB). Class B: 1, Belle Poule (Fr); 2, Malcolm Miller (GB); 3, Sir Winston Churchill (GB).
MOSS, Norway: Laser Europa Cup: Second race (fleets 2 and 4): 1, M Fiemma (It); 2, M Hestbæck (Den); 3, H Eckardt (D). Best British places: 4, Simon Boss-Cole; 32, Simon Dodds. Race 2, fleets 1 and 3: 1, Jens Eckardt (D); 2, Xavier Leclair (F); 3, Torbjorn Palm (S). Best British places: 13, Ian Gilligan; 15, Stuart Hudson; 28, Roger Clay

CRICKET

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Regional finals: Uffington 144-8, Langleybury 145-7; Stock 239-7, Toddenham 228; Dinton 156-9, Sunridge 137; Headcorn 152-8, Ardingly 88; Tiddington 208, Goatacre 104; Troon 184, Warrington 189-9
OTHER MATCH: Lancing: Free Foresters 212-3 (B W M Laury 113 not out); Ireland 195-8 (S J S Warke 52; J Makin 4-49). Match drawn.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Senna in hospital

AYRTON Senna, the Formula One world champion, suffered whiplash injuries when his car rolled over repeatedly during a test run yesterday on one of the fastest stretches of the Hockenheim Ring.

German grand prix officials said Senna was expected to be kept in hospital in Mannheim for observation. Eyewitnesses said one of the tyres on Senna's McLaren burst. "He was around five metres up in the air," said Riccardo Patrese.

BOXING: Pat Barrett, from Manchester, the European light-welterweight champion, will meet Verdell Smith, from Oklahoma, over ten rounds in Marbella on August 15.

☐ Albania has lifted a 28-year ban on boxing.

GOLF: Sean Pappas, aged 25, from South Africa, became only the second man to break 60 in a PGA Tour event with a first round of 59, 12 under par, at the Hartland Classic.

POWERBOATING: Richard Carr, in his Class I catamaran, Cougar Lamborghini, will clash with John Clarke at this weekend's Humber 91 grand prix. The world Formula One inland circuit race at Omisalj-Rijeka, Yugoslavia, has been cancelled.

RUGBY UNION: Tom Hudson, who helped coach Llanelli to five successive Welsh Cup finals and Bath to six cups in England, is expected to take over as chief coaching organiser at Newport. Gary Peters, the St Ives and Cornwall stand-off half, has joined Bath.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has again denied membership to St Lucia, Dominica and St Kitts.

SHOOTING: James Paton, of Canada, won the Century Challenge Cup at 600 yards range at the Bisley rifle meeting yesterday. Paton won because he had the greatest number of shots in the small central area of the bull.

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SPORT

Ballesteros and Faldo struggle but remain in contention for Open Championship at Royal Birkdale

Few are unscathed as early leaders suffer

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SEVERIANO Ballesteros and Nick Faldo both found themselves blown off course at Royal Birkdale yesterday but still remained serious contenders for the 120th Open Championship.

Ballesteros scored 73, three over par, and Faldo, the defending champion, took 75 as they struggled on a day when the wind refused to abate and the sun rarely condescended to shine.

Mike Harwood, of Australia, and Gary Hallberg, an American who qualified at Southport and Ainsdale, each scored 70 which, at the end of an extraordinary and enthralling second round, proved sufficient for them to share the lead on 138, two under par.

Ballesteros, who is seeking to win the Open for a fourth time, is one of several players only one shot adrift, although Faldo is five shots behind after his highest score in the Championship since the third round at Turnberry in 1986.

The Spaniard took his fall from the top of the leader board — he scored 66 in the first round — in his stride, although Faldo was less than satisfied, especially with his putting. "I have done myself a lot of damage on the greens," he said. "There is nothing wrong with them, unfortunately. It was just me. I was just missing the putts.

"I had no feel; nothing. I've been trying to get a better flow with my putting stroke. But I'm also not reading the greens well enough and when I do then I don't seem to hit the putt on line. I'm very tempted to change my putter. It kills your game to know that whatever you do you're not going to get the reward by holing the putts. I just went through the ringer out there."

Faldo, of course, was not alone, although Harwood and Hallberg emerged unscathed and Roger Chapman and Bob Tway both found a way to overcome the conditions as they each scored 66 to equal the course record set by Ballesteros yesterday.

Harwood demonstrated by winning the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth and the Volvo Masters at Valderrama last year that he thrives on a challenge. Harwood, who stands 6ft 4ins tall, said: "The wind was strong enough to rock everyone today, never mind being tall."

He made an inauspicious start by taking three putts at the 1st. Thereafter he made no other mistakes on the greens and he holed an excellent putt for a two at the 12th, where his three-iron finished 20 feet from the hole.

Hallberg abandoned after 12 holes an attempt to hit the ball low. He returned to his conventional swing although not before he had taken five at the 12th, where he pulled a four-iron into the hill. At the next short hole, the 14th, he hit another four-iron, starting the ball out over the granstand, and drew the ball to within eight feet from where he holed for a two. He hit a lovely pitch and run with a seven-iron to four feet at the 17th for a birdie and he made another at the 18th by coaxing home a putt of fully 30 feet.

David Gilford became the leading British golfer when with a 67, which included six birdies, he joined Ballesteros and several others, including Wayne Grady (70), who won the US PGA Championship last year, at one under par.

Hallberg: joint leader

Today's weather forecast is generally dry with sunny spells; wind northwesterly, 10 to 15mph; maximum temperature 18°C, minimum 11°C.

Yesterday's attendance at Royal Birkdale was 43,601, which is a record for the second day of the Open Championship.

Ladbrokes make Severiano Ballesteros the 7-2 favourite to win the championship after the second round. Nick Faldo, generally quoted at 3-1 after the first round, has now eased to 7-1.

Gilford, a former Walker Cup player, is enjoying his best season. He was third in the Scottish Open last Saturday when he earned his biggest cheque, £31,300, in addition to an automatic place in the Open. "I've played the best golf of my life for the last two months," he said. That he emphasised with a nine-iron to two feet at the 3rd and a six-iron to two inches at the 5th, although he also holed putts of 25 feet and 30 feet at the 7th and 12th respectively.

Mark James and Howard Clark, the Ryder Cup players who have been conspicuous by the absence from the leader board this season, scored 68 and 69 respectively to finish among a group on 140 which includes Richard Boxall (69), Barry Lane (72), Colin Montgomerie (69) and Chapman.

Chapman is only 113th in the Volvo Order of Merit this season with winnings of £15,450. He has missed the halfway cut in 11 tournaments out of 17. The man with the midas touch has come to his rescue. For two weeks he has worked on his putting, which has been wretched, with David Leadbetter. He was told to loosen his grip, did so, and the confidence has come flooding back.

Chapman used his putter from off the green at the 3rd, and he holed from 30 feet for the first of three birdies; he made a putt of 15 feet at the 17th for an eagle.

Tway won the US PGA Championship in 1986. Then it was suggested that if he ever removed his visor he might truly emerge from anonymity to fulfill America's cry for a new champion. Tway removed the headgear, but he still has to remove the journeyman label.

He regarded his 66 as one of the finest rounds of his career. He agreed that at 6ft 4ins, one inch taller than Faldo, he has a disadvantage in blustery conditions, struggling to get comfortable over the ball, although it mattered not at the 8th, where he holed a seven-iron of fully 170 yards for an eagle three. Shades of Inverness, where he holed out from a bunker at the 18th to beat Greg Norman to win the US PGA Championship.

Sandy Lyle, who won the Open in 1985, failed to return a card yesterday after driving out of bounds at the 18th hole He had started the hole 11 over par for the championship. Lyle said: "I'm living through a storm. I'm just not playing well enough. I need something to happen for me."

Officials sympathetically accepted Lyle's decision not to return to the tee after he found his ball out of bounds.

Graeme Simmers, the chairman of the Championship committee, said: "We believe that Sandy did the right thing because he could have held up play by walking back."

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Nicklaus struggles, page 39

BARRY GREENWOOD

Leading man: Harwood salutes the crowds after completing his second round

Crowded field for day three

By PATRICIA DAVIES

RAYMOND Floyd, winner of three of the game's four major championships, but not the Open, missed the cut comfortably at Royal Birkdale yesterday and complained bitterly that there were too many people in the field.

It will be no comfort to Floyd, but it looked as though there would still be too many players around today, for the cut was certain to be eight over par and, with 33 people still out on the course, 115 of the 156 starters were on target to play the last 36 holes.

Anyone within ten shots of the leader gets in and with the leaders on only two under par, the floodgates looked like opening.

"We'll just have to start early," Michael Bonallack, secretary of the R and A, said of the thought, although he was hoping not to hit the hundred mark.

Missing out, however, were notables like Floyd, 18 over par, and former champion Sandy Lyle, who had a no return. David Feherty, hotly tipped Ulsterman, also missed out, as did Márk Calcavecchia, winner in 1989, and Corey Pavin, leading money-winner in the US this year.

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Lyle: missing person

THE SECOND DAY LEADER BOARD

Royal Birkdale: Par 70 (6,943 yards); Outward nine — 34 (3,335 yards); Inward nine — 36 (3,608 yards)

	1st rnd	Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	2nd rnd
		Yds	450	423	410	206	343	473	150	470	410	384	411	184	475	198	542	415	526	473	
		Par	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	
138 M Harwood (Aus)	68		5	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	3	5	5	4	4	70
138 G Hallberg (US)	68		4	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	2	5	4	4	3	71
139 W Grady (Aus)	69		6	3	4	2	4	4	2	4	4	3	5	4	5	3	5	4	4	4	70
139 D Gilford (GB)	72		4	4	3	3	3	5	2	4	5	4	5	2	4	3	4	4	4	4	67
139 S Ballesteros (Sp)	66		5	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	5	5	5	4	73
139 M Reid (US)	68		5	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	5	4	4	71
139 S Elkington (Aus)	71		5	4	4	2	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	68
139 M O'Meara (US)	71		4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	3	3	68
140 R Chapman (GB)	74		4	4	3	3	4	5	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	5	4	3	4	66
140 M James (GB)	72		4	4	3	3	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	68
140 H Clark (GB)	71		4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	69
140 R Boxall (GB)	71		5	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	2	6	4	4	5	69
140 C Montgomerie	71		4	4	4	2	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	3	6	4	4	4	69
140 B Lane (GB)	68		5	3	4	3	4	7	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	2	5	4	4	4	72
140 V Singh (Fiji)	71		4	5	3	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	3	4	3	5	4	5	4	69

OTHER SECOND-ROUND SCORES FROM BIRKDALE

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

141: R Tway (US), 75, 66; R Davis (Aus), 70, 71; J-M Olazábal (Sp), 74, 67; N Price (Zim), 69, 72; P Senior (Aus), 74, 67; F Couples (US), 72, 69; C Parry (Aus), 71, 70; T Watson (US), 69, 72; E Darcy, 73, 68.

142: I Woosnam, 70, 72; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 71, 71; M Gates, 67, 75; G Marsh (Aus), 69, 73; J Sluman (US) 71, 71; G Norman (Aus), 74, 68; F Allem (SA), 70, 72; J Mudd (US), 72, 70.

143: N Faldo, 68, 75; A Sherborne, 73, 70; C Strange (US), 70, 73; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 72; P Teravainen (US), 71, 72; J Spence, 70, 73; C O'Connor Jr, 72, 71; P O'Malley (Aus), 72, 71; M Poxon, 71, 72; L Trevino (US), 71, 72; R Gamez (US), 71, 72; E Romero (Arg), 70, 73.

144: F Zoeller (US), 72, 72; *P Mickelson (US), 77, 67; S Luna (Sp), 67, 77; M Mackenzie, 71, 73; T Simpson (US), 72, 72; *J Payne, 72, 72; D Silva (Por), 73, 71; P Stewart (US), 72, 72; S Richardson, 74, 70.

145: P Mayo, 71, 74; J Nicklaus (US), 70, 75; D Hammond (US), 70, 75; S Pate (US), 73, 72; B Marchbank, 72, 73; D Williams, 74, 71; M Sunesson (Swe), 72, 73; C Moody, 74, 71; G Levenson (SA), 72, 73; A Mages (US), 71, 74; C Beck (US), 67, 78.

146: B Crenshaw (US), 71, 75; G Morgan (US), 72, 74; G Player (SA), 75, 71; D Clarke, 79, 67; M Martin (Sp), 71, 75; L Wadkins (US), 71, 75; M McLean, 71, 75.

147: S Jones (US), 70, 77; J Bland (SA), 71, 76; J Rivero (Sp), 74, 73; M Brooks (US), 73, 74; R Mann, 73, 74; M McNulty (Zim), 76, 71; J Hoskison, 74, 73; N Briggs, 73, 74; P Jacobsen (US), 75, 72.

148: P Hedblom (Swe), 74, 74; R Gibson (Can), 73, 75; M Jiménez (Sp), 74, 74; B Ogle (Aus), 73, 75; N Henke (US), 77, 71; P Hall, 77, 71; M Persson (Swe), 77, 71; S McAllister, 79, 69; E O'Connell, 74, 74; C Stadler (US), 77, 71; T Weiskopf (US), 74, 74; J D Blake (US), 75, 73; T Kite (US), 77, 71.

149: C Pavin (US), 74, 75; T Charnley, 75, 74; *R Allenby (Aus), 73, 76.

150: J Heggarty, 74, 76; J M Cañizares (Sp), 77 73; L Mize (US), 75, 75; P Walton, 74, 76; D Frost (SA), 76, 74; M Farry (Fra), 75, 75; S Townend, 78, 72; J Hawksworth, 77, 73; M Lanner (Swe), 75, 75.

151: M Kuramoto (Japan), 71, 80; R Mediate (US), 76, 75.

152: L Tinkler (Aus), 75, 77; P Smith, 78, 74; R Kawagishi (Japan), 71, 81.

153: *A Coltart, 73, 80; D Graham (Aus), 75, 78; Y Beamonte (Sp), 72, 81; *G Evans, 77, 76.

154: S Stephen 75, 79; *R Muntz (Neth), 75, 79; J Miller (US), 74, 80; M Fernández (Arg), 81, 73; D Feherty, 79, 75.

155: *J Wilshire, 76, 79; F Lindgren (Swe), 79, 76.

156: M Hogberg (Swe), 78, 78; C Corrigan, 76, 80.

158: R Floyd (US), 80, 78.

166: R Gregan, 79, 87.

Withdrew: A Lyle, 79, no return.

* denotes amateur

☐ After the first two rounds, the leading 70 and ties, and any player within ten shots of the leader, will qualify for the last two rounds.

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Sale of Platt is again delayed

By DENNIS SHAW

ASTON Villa and Bari, the Italian club, have still to reach agreement on the proposed record-breaking sale of David Platt, the England midfield player.

Three Bari officials flew to Birmingham yesterday to meet first the player and then the Aston Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, believing that a transfer would go through smoothly.

The problem arose after Platt had agreed to the terms of the contract, believed to be worth £4 million to him over a three-year term.

After an hour's meeting between the three officials and Ellis, the Villa chairman said: "I have seen a copy of an agreement between Bari and David Platt but there has been no agreement finalised between Aston Villa and Bari."

The sticking point concerns the asking price, which has escalated from £4.7 million to £6 million in three months.

When Platt had the opportunity to join Bari last May, agreement had been reached in principle at the lower figure. Since then Bari have signed six new players for £12 million, convincing Platt of their long-term ambitions.

When Bari returned with their renewed interest a week ago, Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, increased the price by £1.3 million.

Villa are insisting on the higher figure and today's negotiations could be lengthy.

☐ Tony Cascarino, the Republic of Ireland forward, has completed a £1.1 million move from Aston Villa to Celtic.

Yorkshire have got their man

By MARTIN SEARBY

CRAIG McDermott, aged 26, the Australian fast bowler, will be Yorkshire's first overseas player. He has committed himself to a three-year contract estimated by Yorkshire Television, his sponsors, to be worth £100,000.

McDermott, speaking yesterday from Australia on a live television link to Leeds said: "I hope I will be able to help Yorkshire win a couple of cups in the next few years.

"I feel there is a big load on my shoulders but everyone can be sure that I am not coming over to stand around at fine leg and watch other people bowl all day."

McDermott, who has taken 42 wickets in his last seven Test matches, was signed in the face of opposition from Surrey, Lancashire and Kent.

"I thrive on hard work because I know that is the secret of a fast bowler's success," McDermott said: "My job is to get wickets and I hope I can do the job everybody wants me to do."

Sir Lawrence Byford, the Yorkshire president, said of McDermott: "I saw him destroy England in Perth when he took 11 wickets. One of the English batsmen that day told me he was 'unplayable'.

"You must remember that at that time I had nothing to do with the club, but what I saw so impressed me that when the decision was taken it took me no time at all to decide he was the man for us."

League cricket's answer to the underarm bowl

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

Here is a list of various forms of cricket in ascending order of bitter competitiveness: Tewin Irregulars match; county match; Test match; league match; and, on the absolute pinnacle of bitterness, Yorkshire league match. Consider the following recent encounter between Harrogate and Cleethorpes in the Webster's Yorkshire League.

Bad traffic on the A1 meant that by the time of the scheduled start at St George's Road ground in Harrogate, only three Cleethorpes players had arrived. Well, bloody 'ell, that's not my fault, lad, is it? The Harrogate captain, Austin Jelfs, insisted that the game started on time, and it did. The three men of Cleethorpes managed a total of 11 runs, a league record lowest. Harrogate replied, and, untroubled by fielders, knocked off the runs without loss. The game was over inside 30 minutes, with a total of five-and-a-half overs bowled.

But even in Yorkshire, such behaviour is thought to be a bit thick. An emergency league committee meeting considered the matter, and decided that it "jeopardised the goodwill of the league". It acknowledged that the game had been played to the rules, and that Harrogate were legally entitled to their 24 points. But they were deducted 12 points because the match was not played "in the spirit of the game". Why only 12? Why not 24? Or 48? Do I detect a note of grudging admiration in the committee's findings?

Conspiracy theory

The Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme, the governing body of world cycling, refused to sanction an 11-day, 588-mile event called the Ore-Ida Women's Challenge. I learn that the federation is opposed to women cycling more than 60km a day. This is a piece of physiological nonsense. As this column has pointed out more than once, the reason that women's performances lag behind men's in most sports is not because sports are too tough, but because sports are not tough enough. The longer, harder and tougher they are, the more the gap narrows. Women begin to overtake men at extreme distances and disciplines, like, famously, running over the Himalayas. Restrict women to 60km and male dominance is safe.

Famous name

Here is a fantastic scoop: Paul Gascoigne himself turned out for the Victoria President's XV against the England rugby team during England's less-than-triumphant tour of Australia and Fiji. Gazza is aged 33, a Maori, and he plays for Moorabin club. Fascinating fact: there is a Melbourne suburb of Tottenham. Gazza doesn't actually live there, but never mind.

Inter malaise

All Italian football has been rocked — though to be fair, this is not the most stoical institution in the history of sport — by the appointment of Corrado Orrico as manager of Inter Milan. Orrico is aged 50 and his experience of first division football adds up to a total of 22 days. Apart from football, Orrico likes James Joyce, music and living in the woods.

Two of his proposed innovations have caught the imagaination. One is to have his players train in a cage — *la gabbia*, it is called. This is a device that will give players ultra-intense, claustrophobic practice games with the ricocheting ball forever in play. The other is his plan to get rid of Inter's sweeper system and play "the third back game". This was something invented by Arsenal in 1925.

Connoisseurs of the personality clash look forward to the relationship between Orrico and Inter's leading player, Lothar Matthäus. Matthäus has played it calmly thus far: "Inter have lost a manager who had entered my heart," he said, adding: "Now there are certainly many things to be clarified." Orrico says he will have things out tête-à-tête — *a quattr'occhi*, in the more menacing Italian phrase.

Popular union

Last week saw the marriage of true Afrikaner minds. Naas Botha, the world's greatest rugby player (well, he is if you happen to live in Northern Transvaal; if you're from the Cape he's a selfish prima donna), married the coincidentally-named athlete, Karen Botha, and white South Africa went mad. The wedding was sponsored by one newspaper, buzzed by a plane from a rival, and took place at the home of a millionaire, with sponsored booze and food. The couple flew to honeymoon in the world's most expensive game reserve. And wonderful news: we will be able to purchase a video of the glorious occasion.

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